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Jerry and Patty Wetterling
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June 10, 1990
Re: Jacob Wetterling
Missing 10/22/89

Dear Jerry and Patty:

Enclosed is a summary of the review of Jacob's disappearance from St. Joseph, Minn. on 10/22/89. The remainder of the material in the binder is documentation from which the report was prepared.

You may see duplication of pages in the report summary and the binder material. Some duplication is intential as you may wish to review the summary but not the rest of the material, therefore some important pages were integrated into the overall report.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Greene

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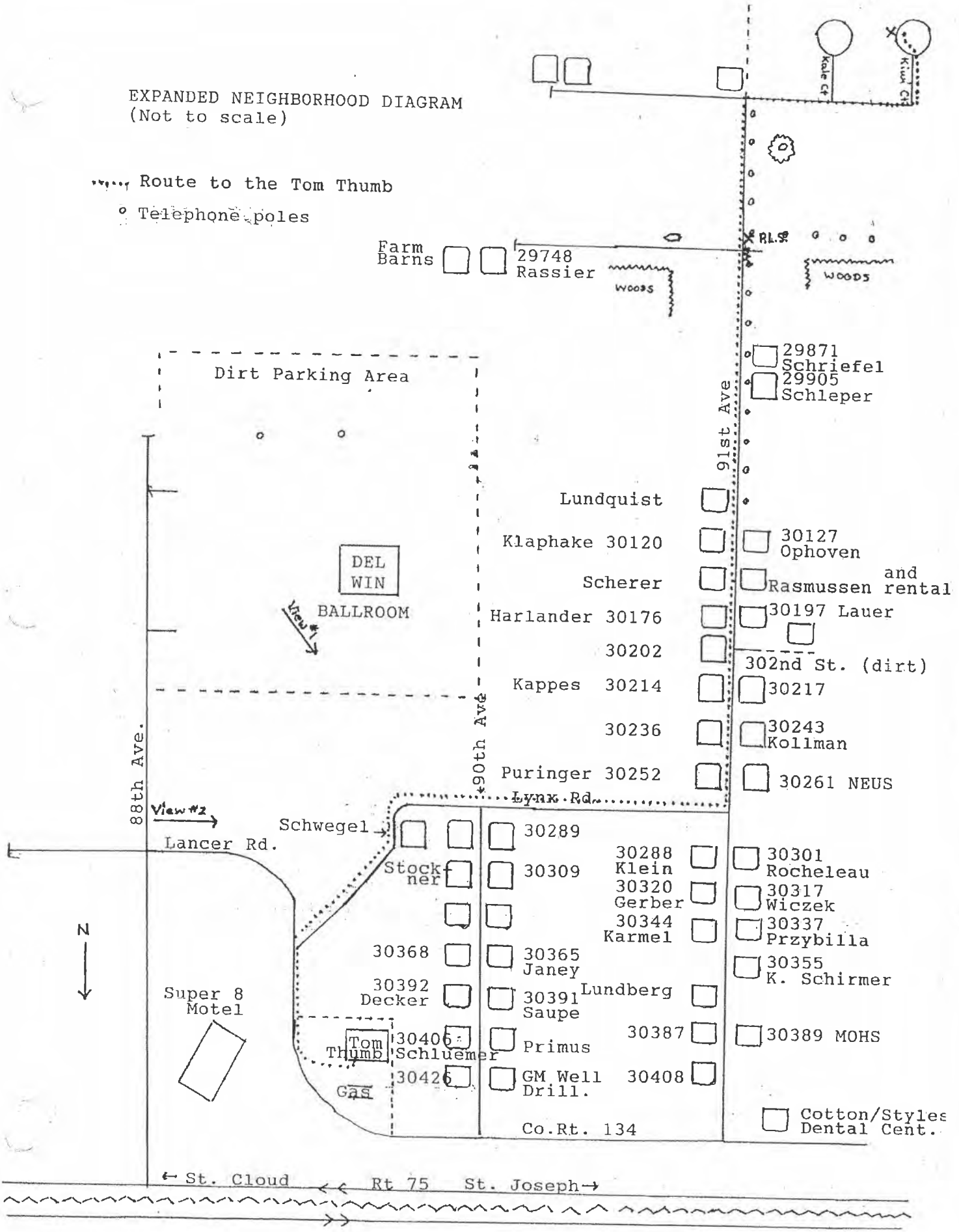
first time the boys had been allowed to go to the Tom Thumb store after dark.

Jacob rode his multi-speed bike, rode his smaller single speed bike and was on a push scooter. As they rode to the store they believe three cars passed them going in the same direction, all before reaching Lynx Rd. The route is shown in red on the attached hand drawn map. The boys reached the Tom Thumb, parking their bikes by the ice machine, then entered and rented the video at about 9:04 PM. They remained in the store a while longer to buy candy then left to begin their ride home via the same route. On the way back the boys say no cars passed them and when they got to Rassier's gravel driveway a man walked out, told them to stop and ordered to turn the flashlight off. He said he had a gun and told the boys to put their bikes in the roadside ditch and lie down. Asking the boys their ages he first released , then , telling them to run into the woods or he would shoot them. They ran along the side of the woodline, catching up with at about the third telephone pole in the field. Looking back they couldn't see anything and they ran home cutting across the field.

The call to the police was delayed a few minutes as the babysitter for Carmen didn't believe their story of the man with a gun. Phoning her father to come from next door, he listened to the boys then dialed 911 at 9:32 PM. A police car was on the scene at 9:40 PM.

Tape recorded statements were taken from both and the next day. The transcribed text is in the body of the attached report.

EXPANDED NEIGHBORHOOD DIAGRAM
(Not to scale)



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1. The abductor parked his car and was waiting at the gravel driveway site for someone to pass by at random.

A. This may not be reasonable because the location is remote, it is dark outside and pedestrian traffic wouldn't be expected.

2. The abductor was on 91st Ave because of an error, such as being lost and upon seeing the boys abducted as a spontaneous act.

A. This doesn't explain how the man got in front of the boys without passing them. It may also be unlikely that someone would be lost and find themselves in such a restricted access area as 91st Avenue.

3. The abductor may be known to the Wetterling family and knowing that the adults weren't at home, went to the neighborhood with the intention of abduction one of the boys.

A. The ride to the Tom Thumb was spontaneous and is a trip the boys have never made before after dark, I don't believe anyone could have anticipated they would leave the house while the adults were away. Also, none of the boys recognize the man's voice and they don't believe they know him.

4. The abductor may have been at the Tom Thumb or driving by on Rt. 75, saw the boys at the store and drove to the gravel driveway location on the chance that the boys would ride by.

A. Someone seeing the boys at the Tom Thumb wouldn't know which direction they would ride in upon leaving, how far they would travel on their bikes or where to stop and park in order to intercept them.

5. The abductor is from the local area and was stalking, with a person already targeted for abduction.

A. If the boys were engaged in some routine behavior, such as going to a bus stop or sports practice, this could be considered. However, the trip was unplanned and the neighborhood isn't conducive to undetected suspicious behavior as could be accomplished in a busier and more populated setting.

6. The abductor is not local but in the St. Joseph area by choice, then sought an abduction opportunity, possibly driving through the immediate neighborhoods. The boys trip to the store presented opportunity.

A. This may be the most plausible reason why the abductor was in the St. Joseph area. Taking the hypothetical reasoning one step further we may make a another presumption that the activity that brought the abductor to the area may be near the abduction site.

Taking a broad view of the area surrounding the point last seen, or abduction point, there are three prominent places of business that would draw people to the area.

Tom Thumb Convenience Store
Del Win Ballroom
Super 8 Motel

All three of these businesses are within 200 yards of each other. The Tom Thumb Convenience Store may draw the greatest number of people to the area, however, their presence would initially be for a purchase of food, beverage or gas and a prolonged stay at the store would draw suspicion. The Super 8 Motel has 27 rooms, is situate near the Tom Thumb and would have a limited draw to the area due to its small capacity and lack of other in-house facilities. The Del Win Ballroom is located to the rear of both the Tom Thumb and the Super 8 Motel and on the date of Jacobs disappearance was engaged in a Polka Festival sponsored by KASM, a local radio station.

The Del Win appeared to be capable of drawing people from places other than St. Joseph and with its two bars would give access to alcohol consumption and a place where someone could remain for a long period of time without it being a suspicious presence.

Proceeding with our objective of developing an investigative direction, two project areas were chosen. One was to conduct a cursory interview of the neighbors in the two cul-de-sacs and the other was to develop a list of the Del Win patrons for the night of 10/22/89.

THE POINT LAST SEEN (PLS) is a ½ mile stretch of suburban road surrounded by farm fields and situate between two small residential developments of 18 and 43 houses. The larger development is near Route 75 and the other consists mainly of two cul-de-sacs at the end of 91st Ave., where the Wetterlings house is located. There are no street lights at the PLS, the fields are dark and the nearest houses are obstructed by trees and distance.

The most prominent feature of the PLS is the illusion of remoteness. 91st Ave. is a dead end road with the cul-de-sacs being in a secluded area at the south end. As this is not a through street, auto traffic is predominantly residents and their visitors.

The first question that arises is, 'how did the abductor come to park his vehicle ahead of the boys route without having first passed them on the road?

We could speculate that the man did indeed pass the boys and they just don't recall it, however, as both boys are certain no one passed them, I'm inclined to believe them.

If no one passed the boys on their way home from the store, then how did the abductor come to be parked on the gravel driveway ahead of them? I believe this is a critical element of this abduction and warrants discussion. As we debated some hypothetical answers, I have listed some of them in the order of least probable to the most.

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NEIGHBORHOOD CANVAS

A cursory canvas of the neighborhood was performed in an attempt to determine if the three cars that had passed the boys on their way to the Tom Thumb store were from the neighborhood itself. The cars could have originated from the neighborhood by several methods...

a. A resident leaving the neighborhood and not remembering passing the boys, as passing children on bikes is a common occurrence.

b. A guest of a resident may have left and passed the boys.

c. A friend of a resident, either an adult or driving teenager, may have arrived for a visit then left, possibly because the person they sought wasn't home.

d. One of the cars in question may have been a delivery car, such as for pizza.

e. The cars could also have been from the dirt road by the Bechtold farm as many cars do pass there taking an unauthorized short cut through the field road.

With these possibilities in mind I questioned residents and found several providing information that was interesting but not conclusive in the search for the three cars.

REBISCHKE - This family stated that 'shortly after 9:00 PM a car with its headlights on drove out 295th St. and stopped at the intersection of 295th and their driveway. Then another car came out of Bechtold's driveway and drove toward the highway. The other car that had stopped turned around and went back.'

KREY - Mr. & Mrs. Krey states that they were dropped off at their house at about 9:00 PM by dinner companions Glen and Dorothy Deutz who didn't enter their home but went directly home. Mr. Krey says that he believes the Deutz's have been interviewed by authorities and he himself has asked them if they passed the boys and they don't remember them.

PLAFCAN - Mr. Plafcan said that he was at a girlfriends house that evening until 10:30PM or 11:00PM and usually wouldn't have an unexpected guest drop by. However, he advises that at that time he had two college boys renting his downstairs who could have had visitors. As the two renters had moved on the day of my visit it was not possible to interview them.

At the conclusion of the neighborhood canvas I had spoken to the Krey, Bradach, Letness, Welter, Theilman, Thomas, Plafcan, Meline, Eickhoff, Haugen, Rebischke and Bechtold families. No information was gathered that indicated who the drivers of the three car may have been,however, the community contact was positive and opened doors of communication.

Through this effort one person was found, Steve Bradach of Kiwi Ct., who may have unknowingly driven inbetween the abductor and the two boys running away through the field.

STEVE BRADACH - This name may also be phonetically spelled in this report As Bradish.

Steve is an 18 year old who resides almost across the court from the Wetterlings. He explained that he has very light sensitive eyes since chemically burning them in a swimming pool some years ago. His eyes are presently sensitive enough that he usually wears sun glasses and 'if someone turns the car dome light on at night my eyes just shut.'

Steve says that he left his house after 9:05 PM to go see a girl who lives in St. Cloud. He was driving his newly purchased Mustang which had headlights adjusted very low and two cracked and water filled headlight lamps (one low and one high beam). As Steve drove towards the mailbox where the abduction occurred a beam of light, like a spot light, hit him in the eyes from his left and made him shut his eyes and turn his face towards the right, in the direction of the dirt driveway. Not thinking any further of the origin of the light Steve drove on, anxious to see the girl he had just met and spoken to.

At a later date Steve and his mother returned to the site to see if the light could have come from something on the mailbox or a piece of glass on the side of the road. He explains that it couldn't have been from glass or a reflector as the light didn't just illuminate, as a reflector would, it was like a spot light being shined at him.

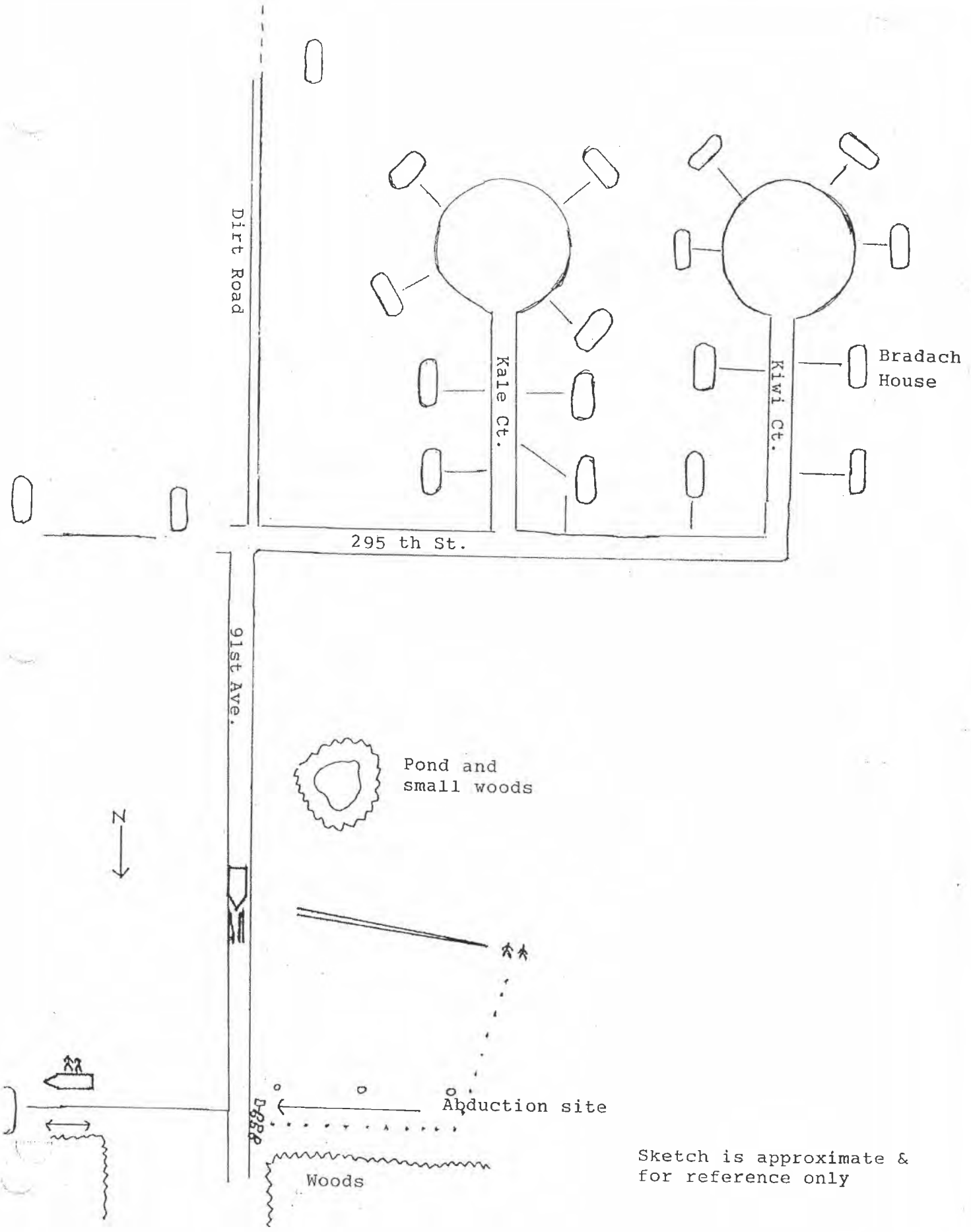
Knowing that had been carrying a flashlight I asked him what had happened to it after the contact with the abductor. He said that he kept the flashlight with him, even as he ran through the field after being released. He said he kept it off except for one time as he was running through the field his hand 'must have slipped and the flashlight turned on, but I turned it off again.'

I secured the flashlight from the Wetterling house. It is a black First Alert rechargeable. After dark I took it to the field and turned it on and found that it had a sharp, non-diffusing type of beam that carried a long way with great intensity. I would describe it as a spot light type beam.

Based on what Steve Bradach described and what says happened I believe that Mr. Bradach may have driven through the abduction, with the fleeing boys in the field, and Jacob and the abductor in or down the dirt driveway.

Although Steve says that this happened near the mailbox by the dirt driveway, I believe it may have happened before that point and I give his memory some leeway for error as it was an unimportant incident when it happened to him.

Steve has stated that he 'possibly remembers a car down the dirt road', he may have see it when he turned his head from the beam of light. This may be more probable than previously suspected and possibly should be pursued further by the proper authorities.



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DEL WIN BALLROOM PATRONS LIST

The Del Win Ballroom and an Albany radio station sponsored a Polka Festival on 10/22/89 from 2:00 PM to 10:00 PM drawing approximately 1,000 people throughout the day. Because of the proximity of the Festival to the abduction site I felt it was worth while to attempt to gain or develop a list of those attending.

A request was made of the Task Force for the list of about 50 names that had been gained through a public appeal. After consulting with the County Attorney a decision was made that the list was part of an on-going investigation and therefore couldn't be released. Prior to that decision being made, but anticipating a negative reply to the request I began developing a list by speaking to the two couples who were uncovered during the neighborhood canvass and successively asking them who else may have been at the Del Win.

One participant advised that each person attending had written their name, address and phone number on a piece of paper for a raffle. This list of names, if saved, might be a list of who had been at the Polka Festival.

Contacting the senior Mr. Meuller at the Del Win he advises that the radio station conducted the drawing and they might have the stubs. Contacting the radio station through Jerry Wetterling he is advised that they kept the names for about a month before being discarded. They also said that the Task Force had also inquired about the names but that was about a month after they had been destroyed.

Continuing to phone Festival attendees I don't find any who saw the boys at the Tom Thumb Store or who saw anything unusual outside the Del Win.

I do find several reports of a man who appeared 'not to fit in with the crowd' sitting alone at the Del Win's bar. It was relayed that the polka festival or 'old time music' is an event usually attended by older couples. The couples dress polka style, dance and socialize with other patrons who are usually familiar faces even if their names are not known.

The man at the bar was alone, appeared slightly unkempt, was dressed shabbily and didn't socialize. Randy Grahm, the bartender, said that he's worked 80% to 90% of the Sunday old time dances during the last four years and he didn't recognize the man. Mr. Grahm added that on that night he had another evening appointment and closed his register at about 8:45 PM, then decided to have a drink before leaving. When he had the drink he sat on the same bar stool that the man had sat at, so he knows that the man left around the time he 'cashed out'.

In addition to 'not appearing to fit in' the informants remembered the man because he somewhat resembled the first composite that was released. I believe that the role a composite plays in the further exploration of the man at the bar should be secondary if not disregarded in respect to other factors. It is worthy to note the presence of a person not generic to an area who is 'not fitting in' at an event near where an abduction occurs. This man also left the event a short time before the abduction occurred and has not been seen at a subsequent 'old time' dance.

After speaking with 47 couples that attended the Polka Festival one person was found who had taken home video inside the ballroom at various times during the day. Judy Panitzke of Sauk Center had made the video as a gift to her father who sometimes plays the 'big horn' for the Johnny Helget Band, but was not playing that night. Most of the video shows the band, but from time to time the camera pans to the dance floor and catches both bars in the background. Copies of the film have been made for review by the police agencies involved in the investigation.

Several festival patrons reported seeing someone who they hadn't seen before and who was dressed inappropriately and unkempt. One woman observed the man walking from the first bar and said he had an unusual gait that she couldn't describe other than stooped or tired. said the man had a slight limp to the left and walked slowly.

Steve Gretsch, the KASM D.J. who was present that evening, believes that he may have sat next to the man at the first bar for about ½ hour as he spoke with another man on the other side of him. His description of the man's dress and voice parallels the description given by and .

A list of Del Win patrons who were contacted and notes on those conversations is contained in the attached binder of documentation.

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HYPOTHETICAL ABDUCTION SCENARIO

From the information that is available I believe we can expand on the most reasonable abduction scenario to the following:

The abductor is not from the St. Joseph area but was in or passing through the region for a reason that we do not know. He may be the person who sat at the first bar at the Del Win Ballroom, drinking but not socializing. This may be the same man who stared at Marlene Gwost for ten minutes at the Tom Thumb at 5:15PM as this is where Steve Gretch sent him to buy cigars.

Randy Grahm estimates that the man left the bar between 8:30 and 8:45 PM, which is just prior to the abduction.

It may be reasonable to hypothesize that the man was looking for an abduction opportunity and drove through the area neighborhoods for that purpose. The abductors vehicle may have been one of the three vehicles that passed the boys on their way to the Tom Thumb, thus providing him with the knowledge of the path they would take home. His vehicle may also have been spotted by the Rebiscke's at about 9:00 PM stopping by their house then turning around and going back towards the cul-de-sacs. In my interviewing of the neighbors I didn't find any who might have been driving that vehicle.

The abductor then chose to wait on the gravel driveway which he may have thought was a road and completed the abduction when the boys reached that point.

SECOND INVESTIGATIVE SEGMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

PROVIDE TASK FORCE WITH WITNESS LIST

The Task Force should be provided with the list of Del Win Patrons who had observed a man at the Polka Festival and the Tom Thumb who drew their attention and suspicion prior to the time of the abduction. Noted on list with red asterisk.

INTERVIEWING - It may be of benefit to conduct a more thorough interview with one investigator to insure information continuity.

COMPOSITE- It may be possible to develop a more detailed description of this individual or refine a composite by use of the witness information.

SUSPECT PHOTOS - It may be of value to have some selected witnesses review the photos of suspects or of known offenders from an expanded region.

DEVELOP THE DEL WIN - KASM PATRONS LIST

An effort should be continued in developing an expanded list of Del Win patrons. The project can utilize three avenues.

PSA - The KASM public service announcement will air ten times a day through the end of the month asking patrons to call the Friends of Jacob office if they were at the Del Win on 10/22.

DEL WIN - Sunday evenings is 'old time music' or polka night at the Del Win Ballroom until 10:00 PM. At. 8:30 to 9:00 PM auto license plate numbers should be recorded and checked through motor vehicles for owners. These may also have been partons at the Polka Festival.

PHONE CALLING - The list of patrons can be further expanded by continuing to call known patrons and asking for the names of other possible attendees.

VIDEO REVIEW - It may be possible to show the video of the Polka Festival to 'regular attendees' or the Del Win staff for the purpose of identifying people shown on the film.

INFORMATION FROM STEVE BRADACH

With there being some reason to believe that Steve Bradach may have unknowingly driven through the abduction it may be worthy to have the authorities engage in another interview of him.

INTERVIEW - Steve Bradach 'feels' that he may have seen a car parked on the dirt driveway as he passed it that night. He is not aware of the possible significance of the 'beam of light' or of the possibility that he may have been in close proximity to the abduction. A further interview of him may produce more information and should be attempted.

HYPNOSIS - Although I am not a proponent of hypnosis as an investigative tool, I believe that it might be considered in this instance. If Steve Bradach does recall a vehicle or one exiting the neighborhood behind him as he drove out - this could prove of some value to the authorities.

I believe we have to keep in mind that in developing scenarios we are making a determination based on incomplete information. This enables us to draw some 'reasonable conclusions' that may be accurate as well as be completely wrong because we are dealing with incomplete data.

However, in this case there may not be an alternative to developing a direction by 'filling in the unknown gaps' with reasonable guesses.

Keeping this in mind I have applied my background to the best of my ability to develop an investigative direction for a disappearance where there appears to be no evidence or direction to take.

I will be available to you after I return to New York for any advice that I can give.

Sincerely,

Marilyn A. Greene

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THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF THE WETTERLING FAMILY, A PREVIOUSLY PREPARED SYNOPSIS OF THE ABDUCTION AND EXAMPLES OF POSTERS THAT HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED NATIONALLY IN AN EFFORT TO PRODUCE INFORMATION OF JACOBS WHEREABOUTS.

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BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF JACOB WETTERLING ABDUCTION

On the evening of October 22, 1989, in St. Joseph, Minnesota, Jacob Wetterling, age 11, was abducted by a masked man with a gun while returning home from a convenience store. A half mile from the Wetterling's home, Jacob, age 10, and a friend , age 11, were riding their bikes home after picking up a movie, then a masked man came out of a driveway and ordered the boys to throw their bikes into the ditch, turn off their flash light, and lie face down on the ground. The masked gunman asked each of the boys how old they were. After the boys responded, he instructed to run into the woods and not to look back or he would shoot him. Next, the gunman turned over, looked into his face, and then also told him to run into the woods or he would shoot. As and were running away, they glanced back to see the gunman grab Jacob's arm. When and reached the wooded area, they turned around again and the gunman and Jacob were gone.

The boy's ran to the Wetterling home where they told their story to the baby-sitter who was attending them that evening. The baby-sitter called her dad. The baby-sitter's dad proceeded to call 911, and then Jerry and Patty Wetterling, parents of Jacob, were called. The police were at the scene within 6 minutes of the 911 call. A short time later, St. Joseph fire fighters and about 35 officers from the Stearn's County Sheriff's Department, Tri-County Major Crime Investigation Unit and State Patrol searched the area of the abduction. Two local FBI agents and five from Minneapolis were assigned to the case. A state helicopter equipped with a search light probed the nearby woods and fields.

On October 23, 1989, their was a continued search with officers from the Department of Natural Resources using all-terrain vehicles that combed the woods and fields within a 2 mile radius of the abduction, and helicopters flew over a 25 square mile area. A bloodhound from Minneapolis was brought in and led officers to tire tracks, confirming a hunch that the abductor had a car nearby.

On December 14, 1989, authorities searched for a man who abducted and sexually assaulted a Cold Spring (Minnesota) boy in January 1989. Details of the two incidents lead them to believe they may be linked. Some of the similarities in the Cold Spring abduction are: Cold Spring is only 10 miles from St. Joseph; the abductor threatened to use a gun when holding the Cold Spring boy; held the boy for over three hours and threatened the boy with the possibility of not releasing him; the abductor wore army boots with his pants tucked in during both abductions; and when he let the Cold Spring boy go, he threw him in a ditch. Today, the authorities are still searching for this man.

There have been numerous possible sightings of Jacob and his abductor all across the United States, however, none have brought Jacob home. Jacob's parents believe that Jacob is still alive and hope that with continued media coverage, someone will be able to provide them with information that could bring their son safely home.

Please help us bring Jacob home!

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10/22/89 ACTIVITIES

On the morning of the disappearance, Jacob and his father went fishing, returning home to watch a Viking's football game on TV. In mid-afternoon and his father went to ice skating practice at the municipal sports arena as he was trying out for hockey. Returning home both boys played 'OD' (offence - defense) football with their father in front of the house at the cul-de-sac. At this time the eldest daughter Amy had gone to Erin Brannan's house in St. Joseph. A pizza was ordered and it was delivered after the Wetterlings had left for the house party. was driven to the Wetterlings house by his parents so he could spend the night.

Patty and Jerry went to the home of Dave Glenn who lives about 15 miles south of St. Joseph on Rt. 94. Dave works for St. Benedict College in the Public Relations Office and is on the Millstream Arts Festival Committee with Patty. The committee sponsors a yearly arts festival or jurried art show and Patty has served on the committee for the past 7 years. Others on the committee are Connie and Dave Cross, Jean Matzke, Nancy Evens and Tony Sjogren.

At home at the Wetterling residence was , Carmen, Jacob and . At 7:30 PM when Patty and Jerry arrived at the Glenn's home they phoned their house to tell the children the phone number where they could be reached. took the call and wrote the number down. About one hour later at 8:30 PM, phoned to ask if they could go to the store to rent a video. Patty said 'no'. spoke to Jerry who said 'yes' provided that they carry a flashlight and that Jacob wear a reflective jogging vest.

FRIENDS OF
JACOB WETTERLING

November 1989

Dear Friends,

We need your support and help in distributing these flyers. Jacob was abducted by an armed stranger in St. Joseph, Minnesota on October 22, 1989.

To aid in their effectiveness, some general guidelines that should be followed as you distribute flyers are listed below:

1. Post flyers in locations that provide long-term placement and high visibility in high traffic areas.

Suggestions include: store windows, restaurants, office buildings, gas stations, fast food places, truck stops, rest areas along the highway, hospital emergency rooms, doctor's offices, toll booths, libraries and other "people places".

2. Always get permission to post flyers. Do not post on private property without permission. If store or restaurant refuses, ask them to post in their employee areas.

3. Only post one or two flyers together at one time.

4. Please take your own tape.

Thank you in advance for your efforts. Your assistance is invaluable to this issue and is very much appreciated by the Wetterling Family. We hope and pray that your efforts and ours will soon be successful.

Sincerely,

Friends of Jacob Wetterling

32 1ST AVENUE NORTHWEST ST. JOSEPH, MINNESOTA 56374 (612)363-0470

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MISSING

Abducted

Jacob Wetterling Age 11

Jacob was abducted on Sunday, October 22, 1989, from 91st Avenue South of St. Joseph, Minnesota at approximately 9:15 p.m . He and his brother and a friend were approached by a male subject wearing dark clothing carrying a handgun. Jacob's brother and friend were allowed to leave but Jacob was forced to remain. No vehicle was seen. Jacob is five feet tall, 75 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, mole on left cheek, wearing a red hockey jacket with an orange vest, blue sweat pants, and Nike high top tennis shoes.

If you have any information, please call the Stearns County Sheriff's Department at **612-251-4240** or Crime Stoppers at **612-255-1301** or toll free **1-800 255-1301** .

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!!Reward!!

A reward in the amount of up to

$25,000

is being offered for information leading to the safe return of Jacob Wetterling to his home

An account has been established at the First State Bank of St. Joseph as a reward fund and also to defer costs to the Wetterling family. Your support would be much appreciated

Contributions Can Be Sent To:

First State Bank of St. Joseph
Jacob Wetterling Fund
Box 159, St. Joseph,MN 56374
612-363-7721

Payable To:
Jacob Wetterling Fund

Sponsored by the Community of St. Joseph

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WE MUST FIND THESE MEN...

Age: 40 to 50 years old;
Height: 5'8" tall; Husky shoulders;
Low, raspy voice;
Bold, authoritative manner

SO JACOB CAN BE FOUND.

JACOB WETTERLING:

Age: 11 years; Height: 5'0";
Weight: 75 pounds; Hair: Brown;
Eyes: Blue; Mole on left cheek

CALL: (612) 259-3981

Jacob, **1-800-255-1301**
we love you and we'll
never stop looking for you
- Mom + Dad

STRANGER ABDUCTION

You can help. Please read the other side.

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ES URGENTE ENCONTRAR A ESTAS PERSONAS

Para encoutrar al niño JACOB.

JACOB WETTERLING:
Age: 11 años, Alt.: 5'
Peso: 75 libras; Pelo: Marrón
Ojos: Azules, Lunar sobre su mejilla izquierda

En Mexico, telefonear a las autoridades locales o en St. Cloud, Minnesota (USA) a los siguientes:
(612) 259-3981
o (800) 255-1301

$200,000

Jacob fue plagiado domingo, el 22 de Octubre, 1989, en la avenida 91 al sur de St. Joseph, Minnesota, a eso de las 9:15 de la noche. Un varón vestido de ropa oscura, y llevando a mano un revólver, se acercó a Jacob, a su hermano y a un amigo. Aquél obligó a Jacob a quedarse con él, pero Permitió al hermano y al amigo de partir. No se vió ningún vehículo. Jacob tiene 5 pies de altura, 75 libras de peso, pelo marrón, ojos azules, lunar sobre la mejilla izquierda; llevó chaqueta roja de hockey con chaleco naranjo, pantalones azules, y zapatos altos nike de tenis.

Jacob,
Te queremos y jamás dejaremos de buscarte.
Mamá y Papá

Edad: 40 o 50 años
Alt.: 5'8"
Hombros anchos y robustos
Voz baja y ronca
Autoritario

SECUESTRADO POR UN DESCONOCIDO

!!PREMIO!!

Se ofrece premio hasta la suma de

~~$50,000~~

por informes guiando al regreso salvo de JACOB WETTERLING a su casa

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St. Joseph, MN 56374-0639

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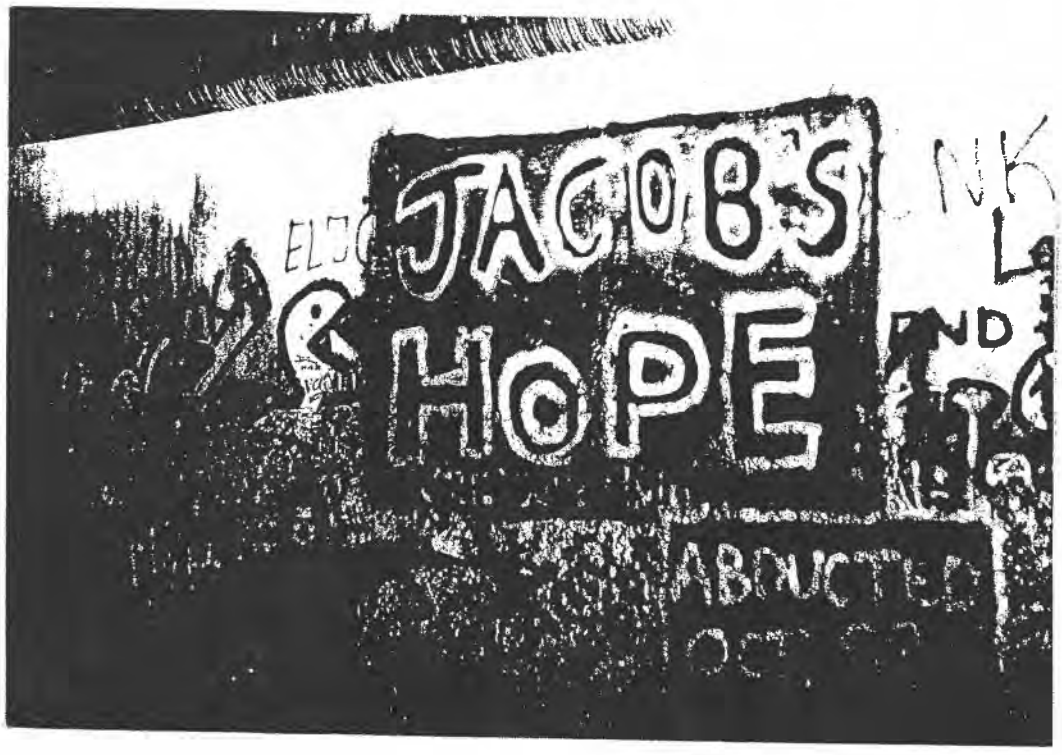
DEAR: Wetterlings,

Your message has now been spread internationally. I pray and hope Jacob returns home safely soon. I wish I could do more...

Your friend,
Amy Evanson ☺ ♥



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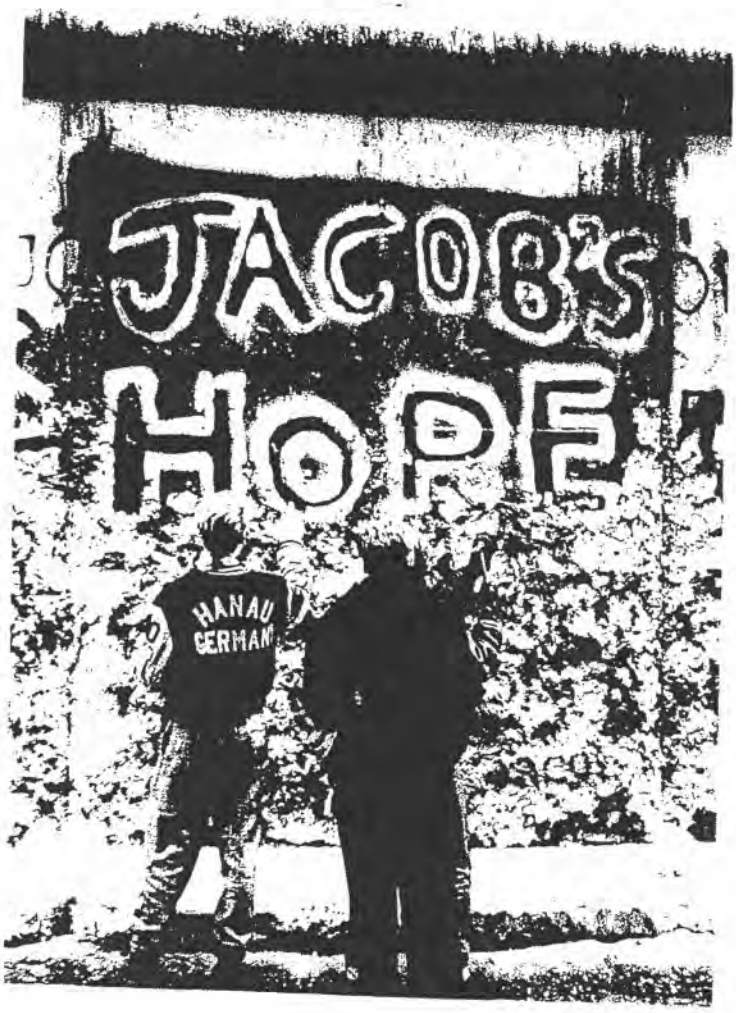

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ACTIVITIES WITH 5/16/90

On this date I met for the first time and requested that he accompany me and Mr. Wetterling to the Tom Thumb so that we could time his trip on the scooter to the abduction point. Beginning after dark to simulate the darkness of 10/22/89, Mr. Wetterling jogged next to as he rode on the scooter at the same speed as he rode on the night in question. The trip took 8.5 minutes.

When at the scene I asked what he remembered about the man and he replied 'his voice'. Asking him to explain he said 'he had a crackly voice' and he knew that the man was older by his voice. I asked if he remembered anything else about him and he said, 'yea, he had a limp.'

As it was late, this was my first encounter with and he was being bothered by insects I did not pursue any further questions.

Conversation with 5/24/90

All conversations with or were conducted in a very informal manner. As it is now seven months after the abduction we have to consider that the boys ability to recall detail would be reduced and in an attempt to be helpful to us they may recall details that are inaccurate. Therefore, there was no pressure to produce detail and encounters were kept very casual.

said that when the three boys left the Wetterling house he carried the flashlight, Jacob was wearing the reflective jogging vest and was on the scooter. Jacob and were riding bicycles. On the way to the Tom Thumb says that three cars passed them traveling in the same direction. One passed by house #873, the next car passed by the next house and he doesn't remember where the third one passed but he feels that they had all gone by when the boys reached the point in the road where there is a slight downgrade where they could coast on their bikes. He says that the sun was down but it wasn't as dark out as when they came back from the Tom Thumb.

On the way back from the Tom Thumb was in front with the flashlight turned on. The man walked out from the dirt driveway and said, "stop - I have a gun - turn off the flashlight - put your bikes in the ditch and lie down - how old are you." said the man had, "kind of a limp." Then simulated the gait to himself and said to me, "he leaned to his left side, he limped to the left."

said the man let him go first telling him to run or he would shoot him, so he ran along the woodline away from the road. The man released next and said caught up with him at about the third telephone pole in the field.

I'm sure some conversation took place between the two boys however, I didn't ask to recall it. He said that they 'cut across the field and ran home.'

I asked about the mans voice and he said, 'it was a rough voice, deep -not familiar,' but he feels that he would recognize it if he heard it again.

I asked about the ski mask the man was wearing and he said, 'it wasn't a ski mask, it was like nylon - like panty hose - there was a thing hanging off the back of his head and something hung down to his waist in back - I could see it moving when he turned his head.'

5/25/90

(CLARIFICATION)

It was mentioned by .
that when the boys were running in the field
headlights were seen on the road going
towards the Tom Thumb.

doesn't remember anything in
particular as he ran through the field.
He said he had the flashlight with
him the whole time & kept it in his hand
as he ran through the field. says that
after caught up with him & they
were running across the field to the
road (Kiwi) he accidentally turned it
(the flashlight) on but turned it
back off again. He says the light is
very bright.

This page of notes are found cross filed
in 'NEIGHBORHOOD CANVAS' and 'BOYS
STATEMENTS + CONVERSATION NOTES.'

PHONE CANVAS BY AREA CODE

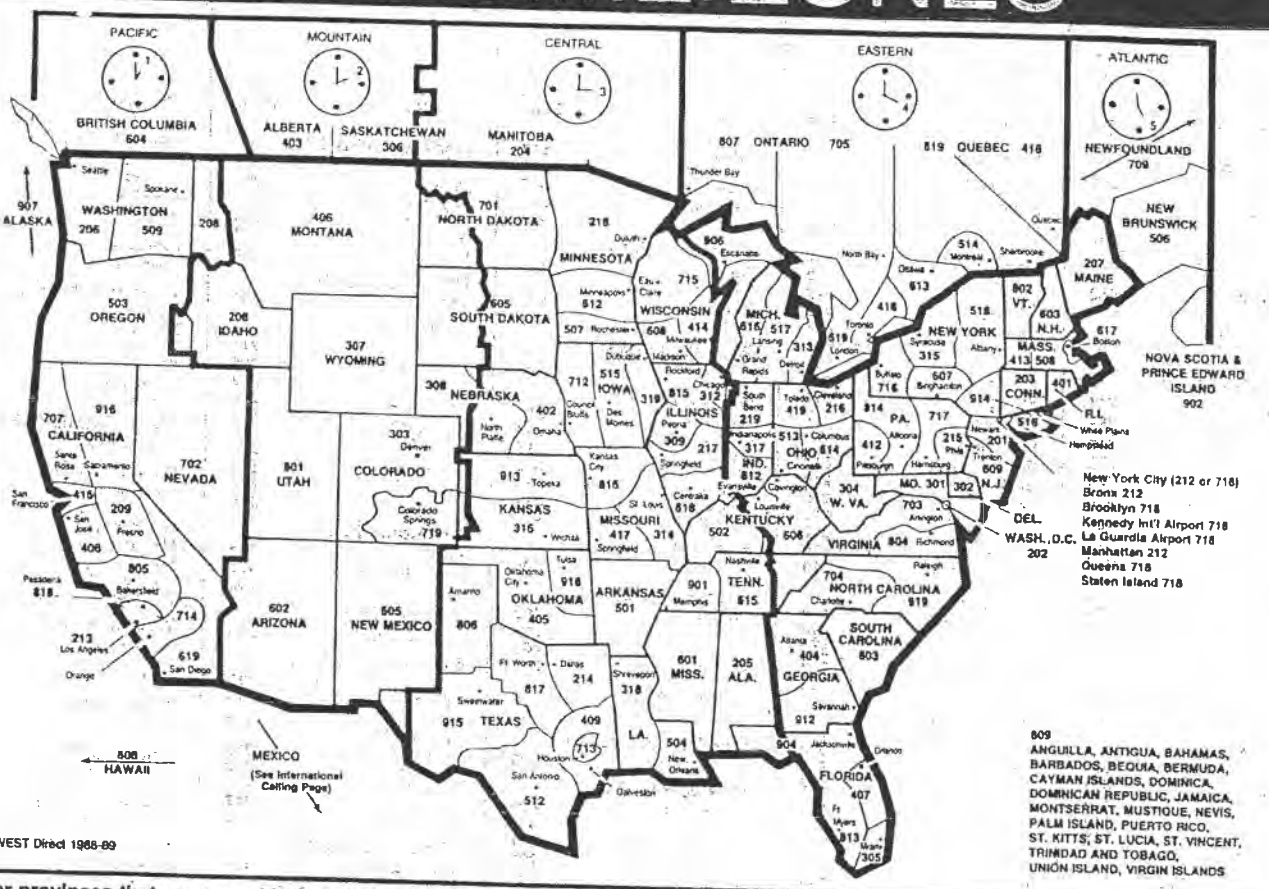
In December of 1989 I suggested that the Wetterling home phone number be dialed in every available U.S. area code to alert the residents that a boy, who was missing and might try to call his home, may reach them if he didn't use an area code prefix. The calls were to be followed up with a MISSING poster and a letter explaining what to do if the resident received a call from Jacob.

As six months had passed we decided to place the calls again, reminding the residents that Jacob was still missing. We found that some of the people had not been contacted by the previous effort and others hadn't received written follow up information - such as the phone number for the Task Force.

This second effort produced increased coverage as well as a reminder to those who had already been phoned that the search for Jacob is ongoing.

AREA CODES

AND TIME ZONES



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States or provinces that are served by more than one area code are shown by an asterisk (*).

AREA CODES

In numerical order, to help you identify your calls.

Area Code	Location
* 201	New Jersey
202	Dist. of Columbia
203	Connecticut
204	Manitoba
205	Alabama
* 206	Washington
207	Maine
208	Idaho
* 209	California
* 212	New York
* 213	California
* 214	Texas
* 215	Pennsylvania
* 216	Ohio
* 217	Illinois
* 218	Minnesota
* 219	Indiana
301	Maryland
302	Delaware
* 3[illegible]	Colorado
[illegible]	West Virginia
[illegible]	Florida
306	Saskatchewan
307	Wyoming
* 308	Nebraska
* 309	Illinois
* 312	Illinois
* 313	Michigan
* 314	Missouri
* 315	New York
* 316	Kansas
* 317	Indiana
* 318	Louisiana
* 319	Iowa
401	Rhode Island
* 402	Nebraska
403	Alberta, Yukon and N.W. Terr.
* 404	Georgia
* 405	Oklahoma
406	Montana
* 407	Florida
* 408	California
* 409	Texas
* 412	Pennsylvania
* 413	Massachusetts
* 414	Wisconsin
* 415	California
* 416	Ontario
* 417	Missouri
* 418	Quebec
* 419	Ohio
501	Arkansas
* 502	Kentucky
503	Oregon
* 504	Louisiana
505	New Mexico
506	New Brunswick
* 507	Minnesota
* 508	Massachusetts
* 509	Washington
* 512	Texas
* 513	Ohio
* 514	Quebec
* 515	Iowa
* 516	New York
* 517	Michigan
* 518	New York
* 519	Ontario
601	Mississippi
602	Arizona
603	New Hampshire
604	Br. Columbia
605	South Dakota
* 606	Kentucky
* 607	New York
* 608	Wisconsin
* 609	New Jersey
* 612	Minnesota
* 613	Ontario
* 614	Ohio
* 615	Tennessee
* 616	Michigan
* 617	Massachusetts
* 618	Illinois
* 619	California
701	North Dakota
702	Nevada
* 703	Virginia
* 704	North Carolina
* 705	Ontario
* 707	California
709	Newfoundland and Labrador
* 712	Iowa
* 713	Texas
* 714	California
* 715	Wisconsin
* 716	New York
* 717	Pennsylvania
* 718	New York
* 719	Colorado
801	Utah
802	Vermont
803	South Carolina
* 804	Virginia
* 805	California
* 806	Texas
* 807	Ontario
808	Hawaii
809	Puerto Rico
* 812	Indiana
* 813	Florida
* 814	Pennsylvania
* 815	Illinois
* 816	Missouri
* 817	Texas
* 818	California
* 819	Quebec
* 901	Tennessee
902	P.E. I. and Nova Scotia
* 904	Florida
* 906	Michigan
907	Alaska
* 912	Georgia
* 913	Kansas
* 914	New York
* 915	Texas
* 916	California
* 918	Oklahoma
* 919	North Carolina

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AREA CODE	STATE	DISPOSITION
201	N.J.	No answer for two days
202	D.C.	Uncooperative
203	Conn.	No number
204	Cana.	" "
205	Ala.	" "
206	Wash.	" "
207	Me.	Mailed to J.E. Woodford
208	Idah.	No number
209	Calif	" "
212	N.Y.	No answer for two days
213	Calif	No number
214	Tx	Mailed to Cheryl Harris
215	Pa	" " Mary Pannebaker
216	Ohio	" " Kathy Skuderin
217	Ill.	No number
218	Minn.	" "
219	Ind.	" "
301	Md.	" "
302	Del.	" "
303	Colo.	" "
304	W Vir	Mailed to Mrs. Harry Linn
305	Fla.	Security line "wrong authorization code".
306	Cana.	No number
307	Wy.	" "
308	Neb.	" "
309	Ill.	" "
312	Ill.	" "
313	Mich	Mailed to Lauri Fishell
314	Mo.	Cir. Busy
315	N.Y.	Mailed to Lawrence Yeoman
316	Kan.	No number
317	Ind.	" "
318	La	No answer for two days

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319	Iowa	Mailed to Don DeSantis
401	R.I.	No number
402	Neb.	" "
403	Yukon	" "
404	Ga.	" "
405	Ok.	Uncooperative
406	Mont.	Mailed to Barry Robinson
407	Fla.	Sent to Romi at a New York address
408	Calif	No number
409	Tx	" "
412	Pa.	" "
413	Mass	" "
414	Wisc.	Mailed to Rodney Johnson
415	Calif	Cir. Busy
416	Ontar.	Mailed to Miliken Ind. of Canada
417	Mo.	No number
418	Queb	" "
419	Ohio	" "
501	Ark.	Mailed to Mrs. Deward Woodruff
502	Ky	Mailed to Cherry
503	Oreg	Mailed to Sharon Parks
504	La	Uncooperative
505	N. Mex	No number
506	N. Brun	Uncooperative
507	Minn	No number
508	Mass	" "
509	Wash	No number
512	Tx.	" "
513	Ohio	" "
514	Queb	Uncooperative
515	Iowa	No answer for two days
516	N.Y.	No number
517	Mich	" "
518	N.Y.	" "
519	Ont	" "
601	Miss	" "

602	Az	No number
603	N.H.	" "
604	B.C.	" "
605	S.D.	" "
606	Ky	" "
607	N.Y.	" "
608	Wisc	" "
609	N.J.	" "
612	Minn	Wetterling Residence
613	Ontar	No number
614	Ohio	" "
615	Tenn	Uncooperative
616	Mich	" "
617	Mass	No number
618	Ill	" "
619	Calif	" "
701	N.D.	Cir. Busy
702	Nev	Mailed to Lynn Piercy
703	Vir	No number
704	N.C.	" "
705	Ontar	" "
707	Calif	" "
709	Newf	" "
712	Iowa	" "
713	Tx	Mailed to Tom Turner
714	Calif	No number
715	Wisc	" "
716	N.Y.	" "
719	Col	" "
801	Utah	No answer for two days
802	Vt	No number
803	S.C.	" "
804	Vir.	" "
805	Calif	" "
806	Tx	" "
807	Ontar	" "

808	Hawaii	No number
809	P. Ric	" "
812	Ind	" "
813	Fla	" "
814	Penn	" "
815	Ill	" "
816	Mo	Uncooperative
817	Tx	No number
818	Calif	" "
819	Queb	" "
901	Tenn	" "
902	NovScot	" "
904	Fla	" "
906	Mich	" "
907	Alaska	" "
912	Ga	Mailed to Christopher Smith
913	Kan	No number
914	N.Y.	" "
915	Tx	" "
916	Calif	Uncooperative
918	Ok	No number
919	N.C.	" "

Uncooperative - Those numbers where Uncooperative is noted under disposition were either very elderly people or non-english speaking. One facet of telephone safety campaigns is to warn persons against giving out there names and addresses to people who they don't know. Most people were very willing to help and gave their addresses, some of the others took our information but declined the instructional letter and flyer.

FRIENDS OF
JACOB WETTERLING

June 1, 1990

Dear Friend For Jacob:

I am writing as a follow-up to our phone call to you. We called your number because the Wetterling family phone in St. Joseph, Minnesota is the same number as yours. In the event that Jacob reaches a phone he may dial his home phone number but not realize he is in a different area code, therefore he may reach you or a member of your family.

If you receive a call from Jacob please ask the following...

1. What is the number you are calling from?
2. Do you know where you are? Are you in a safe place?
   Can you get to a safe place and call back?
4. Tell Jacob to call 911 or '0' and to ask that the call be traced, that he has been abducted and has just gotten to a phone.
5. Tell him you will also call 911 or'0'. Tell the police about the flyer on Jacob and that he is missing.
6. Call the Police Task Force (Stearns County, Minnesota) collect at 612-255-3981. Let it ring until the phone is answered then tell them about this letter and your call from Jacob.

Please let all the people in your house who answer the phone read this letter so that they will know what to do. If you don't have 911 service in your area please write your police phone number on this letter in red.

We thank you in advance for your efforts. Your help is invaluable in this issue and is very much appreciated by the Wetterling Family and all of us at the Friends Office who are searching for him.

32 1ST AVENUE NORTHWEST ST. JOSEPH, MINNESOTA 56374 (612)363-0470

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Names and addresses of people in non-612 area codes with the Wetterling home number of 363-4479.

(1)

Letter Mailed 6/1/90

x Mary Pannebaker
215 102 Pickering Way.
Exton P.A. ~~[illegible]~~ - 0200
(19341)

x J.E. Woodford
207 1234 US Rt 1
Cape Neddick
Maine 03902

x Cheryl Harris
214 Hills Crest Office Products
3026 Mockingbird Lane
Dallas 75205

x Mrs. Harry Linn
304 510 Mount Vernon Ave.
Fairmount
W. Virginia 25664

x Lawrence Yeoman
RR 2 Box 249
315 Mary St.
Verona. NY. 13478 -

x Barry Robinson
(458) 458 West Side Rd.
406 Hamilton Mont. 59840

x Rodney Johnson
414 South 85 West 27970 Hartwick Ave.
Mukwonago -
Wi. 53149

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x Mrs Deward. Woodruff.
501 HCR 64 Box 76
Shirley, Arkansas 72153

x Cherry.
606 Box 5713
Southern Parkway.
Louiville Kent. 40214.

x Tom Turner
31 East Lanzleaf Rd.
713 Wood Lands.
Tex. 77381 -

x JAnn Feldman -
17201 Orozco
Granada
Hills Cal. 91344.

x W.E. Dawson.
901 4179 Cottonwood Rd.
Memphis, Tenn. 38118 -

x Christopher Smith
902 McRae -
Georgia
Rt1 Box 104
31055

N/111

x Mrs Deward. Woodruff.
501 HCR 64 Box 76
Shirley, Arkansas 72153

x Cherry.
606 Box 5713
Southern Parkway.
Louiville Kent. 40214.

x Tom Turner
31 East Lanzleaf Rd.
713 Wood Lands.
Tex. 77381 -

x Ann Feldman -
17201 Orozco
Granada
Hills Cal. 91344.

x W.E. Dawson.
901 4179 Cottonwood Rd.
Memphis, Tenn. 38118 -

x Christopher Smith
902 McRae -
Georgia
Rt1 Box 104
31055

N/111

(3)

x Laurie, Fishell
313 1841 Point Drive
Union Lake -
Michigan, 48085

x Romie -
407 1113 Hawk Blvd
Massapequa
N.Y. 11762

Florida Phone #.

for security reasons wanted his Florida mail to go to this New York address.

x Miliken Ind. of Cand.
P.O. Box 530
Nesemonto,
Ontario K0K1X0.

x Lynn Piercy
702 7110 Doe Ave
Las Vega, Nevada,
89117

x Benesch Fredlander,
Copland + Field
216 Aronoff
1100 Citizens Bldg.
850 Ucledid Ave.
Cleveland.
Ohio 44114
Att: Kathy Skuderin,

N/112

Don DeSantis
319 1523 26th St.
South East
Cedar Rapids
Iowa. 52403 -

Sharon Parks
503 4569 Sesame St NE
Salem, Oregon 97305

N/113

FRIENDS OF
JACOB WETTERLING

December 1st, 1989

Dear Friend For Jacob,

I am writing as a follow-up to the phone call you received Nov. 30th, 1989 from our office.

We called your number because the Wetterling family number in St. Joseph is the same as yours with a 612 area code. In the event Jacob gets to a phone he may not know where he is and may not think to call his area code first. There is a possibility he may reach you or a family member.

Please try to get the following information:

1. Who's calling ? (Jacob or someone for him)
2. Where the call is coming from ?
3. How many abductors are involved/other children involved ?
4. Is there a vehicle involved ?
5. If it's Jacob, has he heard any names of abductors/children ?
6. Any other information you can get from the caller.

Please have your local police phone numbers by your phone. Call 911 FIRST; your local police and then call collect (612)255-3981 Task Force of Stearns County Sheriffs Office.

Please make all your family members aware of our concern. We know that someone, somewhere knows where Jacob is. We need to find that person, so we can return Jacob safely to his home.

We are all JACOB'S HOPE and we need your assistance now ! If we can be of assistance, please feel free to notify our office and ask for Stephanie Hazen.

We thank you in advance for your efforts. Your assistance is invaluable in this issue and is very much appreciated by the Wetterling Family. We hope and pray that your efforts, in conjunction with our efforts, will soon be successful in bringing Jacob home safely to his parents and to St.Joseph.

Sincerely,

Friends of Jacob Wetterling

32 1ST AVENUE NORTHWEST ST. JOSEPH, MINNESOTA 56374 (612)363-0470

N/114

812 - INDIANA — NO CONNECTION
317 — INDIANA — NO CONNECTION
219 — INDIANA — NO CONNECTION
* 517 — MICHIGAN — BUSY CALL AGAIN
~~616~~ NO CONNECTION

616 — MICHIGAN —
MAN TOOK OUR NAME & ADDRESS —
[redacted] WILL CALL IF JACOB CALLS

906 — MICHIGAN — NO CONNECTION

612 — JERRY WETTERLING

218 Minnesota — No Connection
507 Minnesota — No Connection
* 715 Wisconsin — No Answer Busy

* 608 Wisconsin — No Answer CALL AGAIN
No Connection

* 414 Wisconsin — No Answer CALL AGAIN
~~South 5 85 W 29~~

312 Illinois — No Connection
815 Illinois — No Connection
309 Illinois — No Connection
217 Illinois — No Connection
618 Illinois — No Connection
* 615 Tennessee — Aged CALL BACK

* 901 Tennessee — NO ANSWER CALL AGAIN

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(6)

205 Alabama — No Connection
* 601 Mississippi — No Answer Call Again
No Connection

* 504 New Orleans — No Answer

* 318 Louisiana — No Answer - Call Again

(501) Arkansas — Edward Woodruff
HCR 64
Box 76 Shirley Ark
72153

409 Texas No Connection
713 Texas No Connection
(214) Texas — Hillcrest office Products
Special Mailing Ask Steve (25) Flyers & Chuck Chitwood
3026 Mockingbird Lane
Dallas
75205

405 Oklahoma — No Answer Call Again

918 Oklahoma — No Connection
* 314 Missouri — Busy

417 Missouri — No Connection
316 Kansas — No Connection
(319) Iowa — D. DeSantis
1523 26th St SE
Cedar Rapids Iowa
52403

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(7)

Little Friends Preschool
IRA Iowa
~~50008~~ 50127

* 515 Iowa – Busy

712 Iowa – No Connection

* 701 N. Dakota – Busy

* 605 S. Dakota – Busy

402 – Nebraska – No Connection
308 – Nebraska – " "
913 – Kansas – " "
316 Kansas – " "
806 Texas – " "
817 Texas – " "
512 Texas – Changed No Connection
915 Texas – No Connection
505 New Mexico – No Connection
719 Colorado – No Connection
303 Colorado – No Connection
307 Wyoming – " "
* 406 Montana – No Answer Call Back

208 Idaho – No Connection
* 801 Utah – No Answer Call Back

602 Arizona – No Connection
* 206 Washington – Recording · Call again

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509	Washington	—	No Connection
✓ 503	Oregon	—	Sharon Parks 4[illegible]569 Sesame St NE. Salem Ore 97305
702	Nevada	✓ —	Lynn Piercy 7110 Doe Ave Las Vegas Nv 89117
* 206	Washington	—	Call Back
916	California	—	No Answer
707	California	—	No Connection
* 415	California	—	Busy
209	California	—	No Connection
408	California	—	No Connection
805	California	—	No Connection
818	California	—	Took Info Send No Material
213	California	—	No Connection
714			" "
619	California	—	No Connection
604	Br Columbia	—	No Connection
403	Alberta	—	" "
306	Saskatchewan	—	" "
* 204	Manitoba	—	No Answer

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509 Washington — No Connection
✓ 503 Oregon — Sharon Parks
4[illegible]569 Sesame St N.E.
Salem Ore
97305

702 Nevada ✓ — Lynn Piercy
7110 Doe Ave
Las Vegas Nv
89117

* 206 Washington — Call Back

916 California — No Answer

707 California — No Connection
* 415 California — Busy

209 California — No Connection
408 California — No Connection
805 California — No Connection
818 California — Took Info
Send No Material
213 California — No Connection
714 " "
619 California — No Connection
604 Br Columbia — No Connection
403 Alberta — " "
306 Saskatchewan — " "
* 204 Manitoba — No Answer

N/118

(9)

807 Ontario — French

705 Ontario - No Connection

907 - Alaska No Connection

N/119

NEIGHBORHOOD CANVAS

The following is a summary of the information gained during the neighborhood canvas and a hand drawn map depicting what Steve Bradach may have seen on 10/22/89.

Also enclosed are two maps of St. Joseph for file reference with the Wetterlings development noted in the direction of the red arrow. A hand drawn map of the Wetterling development shows the locations of the area homes.

Copies of my handwritten notes that were taken during the canvas and discussions with neighbors is also enclosed for file record.

NEIGHBORHOOD CANVAS

A cursory canvas of the neighborhood was performed in an attempt to determine if the three cars that had passed the boys on their way to the Tom Thumb store were from the neighborhood itself. The cars could have originated from the neighborhood by several methods...

a. A resident leaving the neighborhood and not remembering passing the boys, as passing children on bikes is a common occurrence.

b. A guest of a resident may have left and passed the boys.

c. A friend of a resident, either an adult or driving teenager, may have arrived for a visit then left, possibly because the person they sought wasn't home.

d. One of the cars in question may have been a delivery car, such as for pizza.

e. The cars could also have been from the dirt road by the Bechtold farm as many cars do pass there taking an unauthorized short cut through the field road.

With these possibilities in mind I questioned residents and found several providing information that was interesting but not conclusive in the search for the three cars.

REBISCHKE - This family stated that 'shortly after 9:00 PM a car with its headlights on drove out 295th St. and stopped at the intersection of 295th and their driveway. Then another car came out of Bechtold's driveway and drove toward the highway. The other car that had stopped turned around and went back.'

KREY - Mr. & Mrs. Krey states that they were dropped off at their house at about 9:00 PM by dinner companions Glen and Dorothy Deutz who didn't enter their home but went directly home. Mr. Krey says that he believes the Deutz's have been interviewed by authorities and he himself has asked them if they passed the boys and they don't remember them.

PLAFCAN - Mr. Plafcan said that he was at a girlfriends house that evening until 10:30PM or 11:00PM and usually wouldn't have an unexpected guest drop by. However, he advises that at that time he had two college boys renting his downstairs who could have had visitors. As the two renters had moved on the day of my visit it was not possible to interview them.

At the conclusion of the neighborhood canvas I had spoken to the Krey, Bradach, Letness, Welter, Theilman, Thomas, Plafcan, Meline, Eickhoff, Haugen, Rebischke and Bechtold families. No information was gathered that indicated who the drivers of the three car may have been,however, the community contact was positive and opened doors of communication.

Through this effort one person was found, Steve Bradach of Kiwi Ct., who may have unknowingly driven inbetween the abductor and the two boys running away through the field.

STEVE BRADACH - This name may also be phonetically spelled in this report As Bradish.

Steve is an 18 year old who resides almost across the court from the Wetterlings. He explained that he has very light sensitive eyes since chemically burning them in a swimming pool some years ago. His eyes are presently sensitive enough that he usually wears sun glasses and 'if someone turns the car dome light on at night my eyes just shut.'

Steve says that he left his house after 9:05 PM to go see a girl who lives in St. Cloud. He was driving his newly purchased Mustang which had headlights adjusted very low and two cracked and water filled headlight lamps (one low and one high beam). As Steve drove towards the mailbox where the abduction occurred a beam of light, like a spot light, hit him in the eyes from his left and made him shut his eyes and turn his face towards the right, in the direction of the dirt driveway. Not thinking any further of the origin of the light Steve drove on, anxious to see the girl he had just met and spoken to.

At a later date Steve and his mother returned to the site to see if the light could have come from something on the mailbox or a piece of glass on the side of the road. He explains that it couldn't have been from glass or a reflector as the light didn't just illuminate, as a reflector would, it was like a spot light being shined at him.

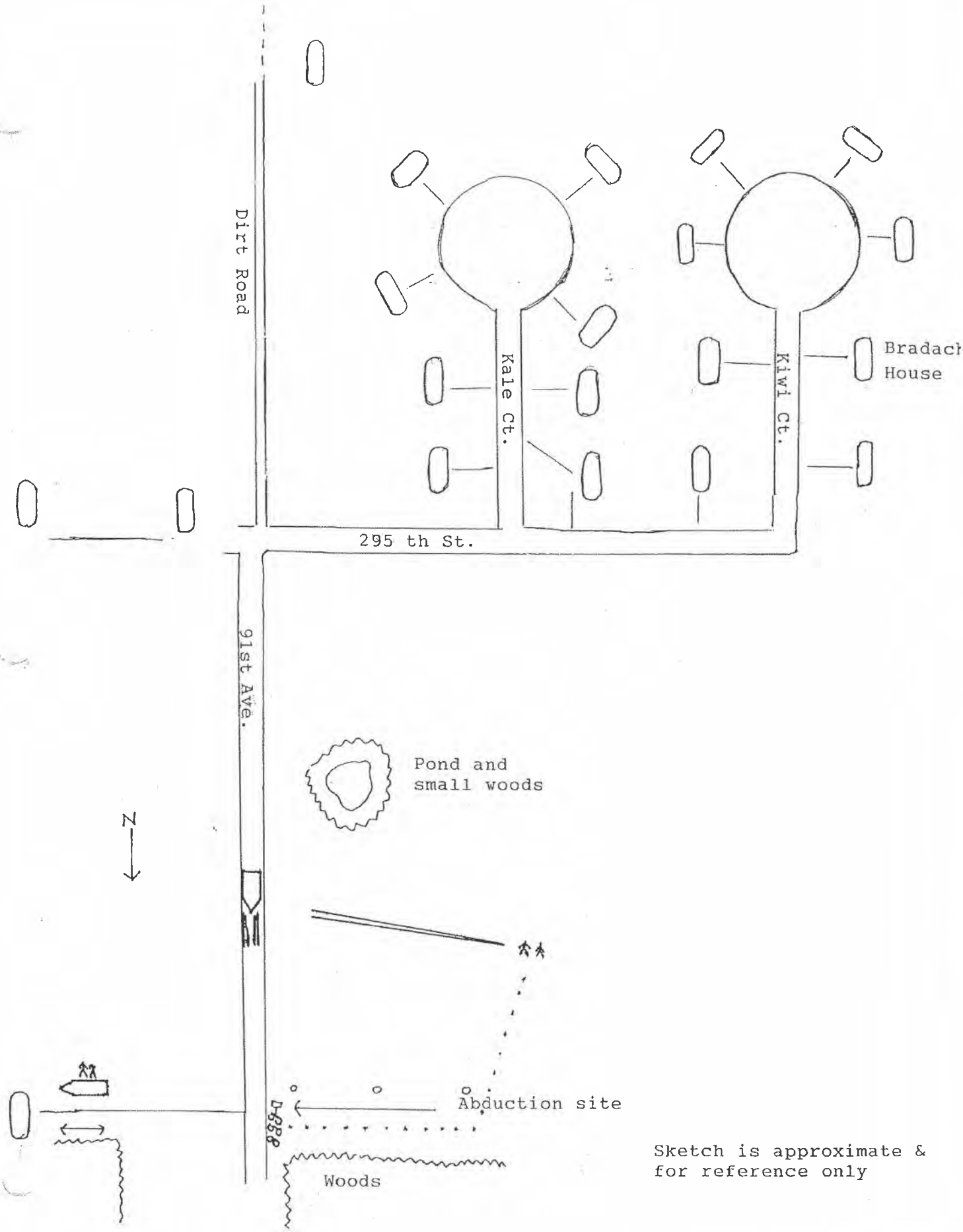
Knowing that had been carrying a flashlight I asked him what had happened to it after the contact with the abductor. He said that he kept the flashlight with him, even as he ran through the field after being released. He said he kept it off except for one time as he was running through the field his hand 'must have slipped and the flashlight turned on, but I turned it off again.'

I secured the flashlight from the Wetterling house. It is a black First Alert rechargeable. After dark I took it to the field and turned it on and found that it had a sharp, non-diffusing type of beam that carried a long way with great intensity. I would describe it as a spot light type beam.

Based on what Steve Bradach described and what says happened I believe that Mr. Bradach may have driven through the abduction with the fleeing boys in the field and Jacob and the abductor in or down the dirt driveway.

Although Steve says that this happened near the mailbox by the dirt driveway, I believe it may have happened before that point and I give his memory some leeway for error as it was an unimportant incident when it happened to him.

Steve has stated that he 'possibly remembers a car down the dirt road', he may have see it when he turned his head from the beam of light. This may be more probable than previously suspected and possibly should be pursued further by the proper authorities.



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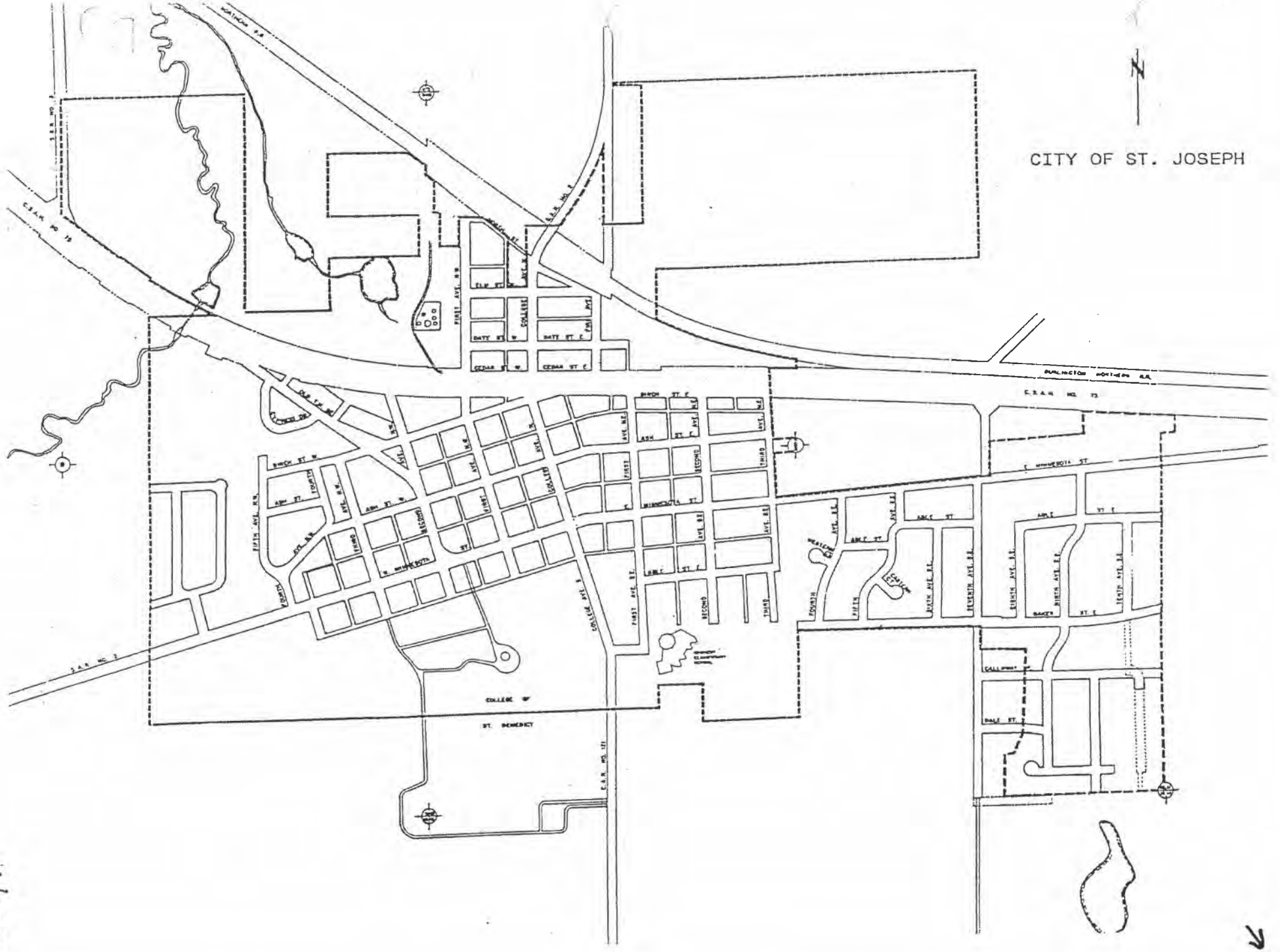
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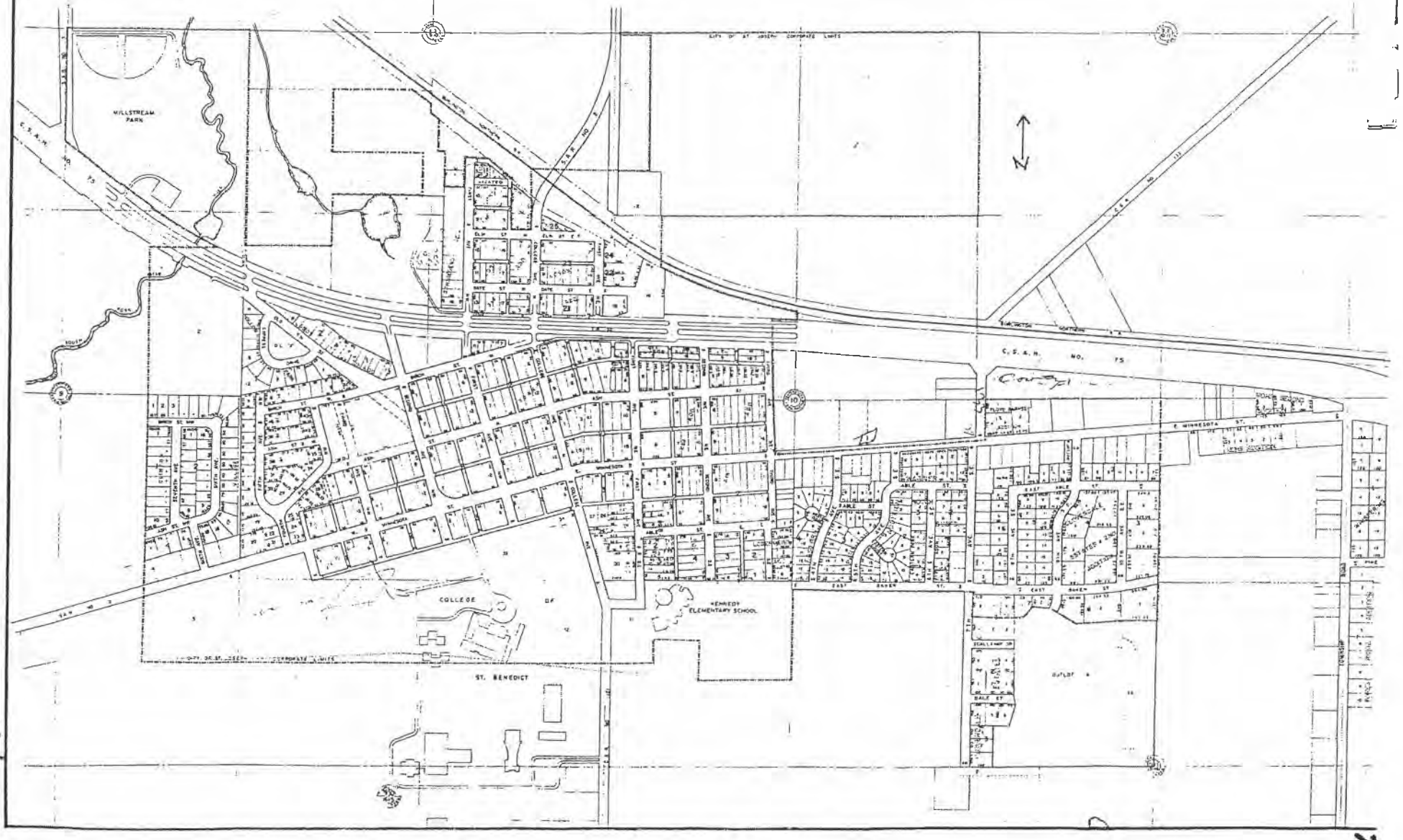

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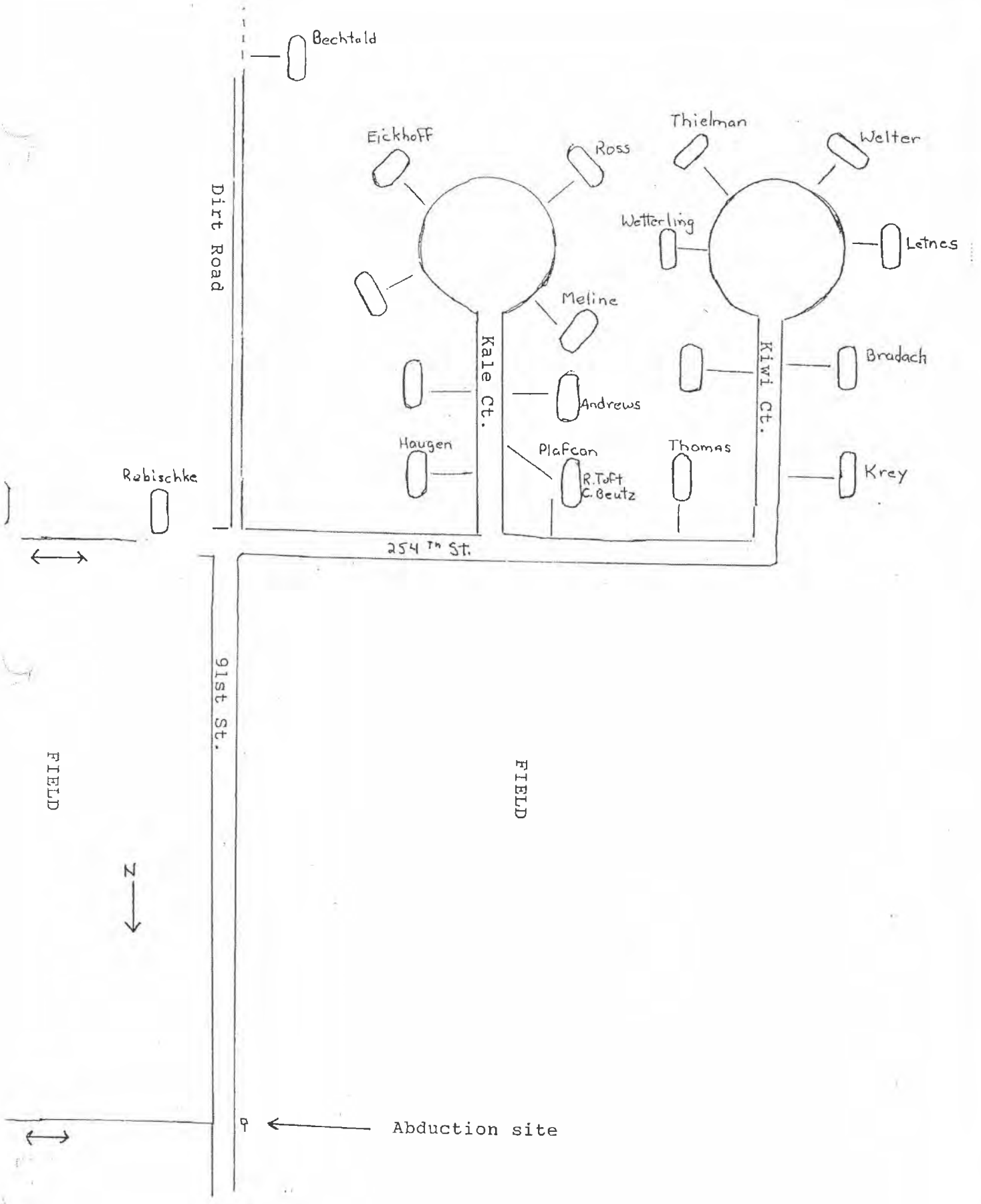

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Thielman, Mrs. 29414 Kiwi 5/25/90

This source is a w/f m apx 60 yrs old, 5'. 100 lbs w/ light brn hair. States that her fam. has been int. by auth. pos FBI 2 or 3 x. Even int. peop. seperately - caught her husb at his shop.

Fam. consists of husb + wife, wifes mother, who is bed ridden, must be tube fed + communicates very little. Wifes mother was not interviewed any of 3 visits - can not get out of bed to have observed anything

Mrs T had been at the pool @ the Holiday Inn that day, left, stopped at the Tom Thumb then went home arr. at apx 7:00 pm. Husb was at the lake that day. Did remem. a pers. @ the T Thumb who she felt was odd + told auth. Also provided auth w/ names of 2 area peop. to be checked out. Daughter + son are married + living away from home. Daught runs a day care cent in St. Cloud, son teaches at Corpus Christi, Texas. No one visits the house looking for the kids as they are grown + gone. No one visited Mrs T the night of the disap.

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Kathleen Wetter # 5/25/90

Subj was home. My son, 11y. Joel, saw the boys leave although he was in bed. Husb. arrd. home & Patty W. came at the same time to say what had happened.

Fam. consists of Katherine (wife), Phillip (husb.), Joel 11y, Colin 9, was also in bed in a diff. room. Tony 17 who was at a friends house in St. Cloud. Was also w/ Chad Terzak, the neighbor on the L side of Wetterlings. ~~Subj~~ Merle called Tony @ the fr. house to warn him of what had happened & there was a road block & would be stopped. Boys came home well aft 11:00 pm. Tony doesn't own a car. he drove w/ Chad. Anyone coming to visit Tony would have had to knock on the door to know if he was home. No one came that evening. Shana was at college (St. Patricks) at the time.

Joel was interviewed by the I x, Colin wasn't interviewed. All other family memb except Shana were also interviewed.

One FBI was from D.C. & the other was from Minn & had just moved here.

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Mrs. Bradish 5/25/90

Subj says that her son Steven 20y, left the even. of the disap apx 9:00 PM Doesn't rember passing the boys on the road but does have a recol. of a pale blue to white car parked near the abduct point. But also exp to FBI that he might be remem. it fr. another night, not the night of the abd. Works p/T at Target & that night he went to meet a girl. Steven was approch. by ath. after his father had told the pol that he was on the road @ 9:00 PM that night. He was also spkn to that night. When pol. act. incr. on the street S. parents bec. concerned so police found him @ girls house & spk to him.

Subj & husb were both home. When Stacy & b/fr. ret. from their movie she said 'something is happening, there are all kinds of pol. cars' - it was about 9:30 PM to 10:00 PM one of the neighbors told what had happened. Stacy had left the house abt 6:30 P to go to the 1st showing of a movie. Both Steve & Stacy have a car & drive. That night the date Carl drove. There were no visitors to the house during the abduct time period Steve drives a silver mustang. He was int once that I know of, pos. more

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Steven Bradish

Left the house apx 9:05 PM I was on the phone w/ this girl who I had just met. She is from Akron, Minn., the same town as my parents. I said it looks we have alot to talk about & we decided to meet that night. I said I would be there by 9:00 PM, she lives near the Cross Roads. I was on the phone down stairs ~~& my~~ & came up & told my Dad I was going out & he asked me to do the dishes 1st. I did them quickly & remem. looking at the stove or microwave clock & it said apx 9:05 PM, to the best of my knowl. I knew I was late & didn't change but ran out the door. I had a new mustang w/ 2 bad head lights w/ water in them. 1 was a L beam & the other the H beam. When the lights go on the lenses fogged up like a windshield does. Thus my headlights were dim & I remember it was dark enough out (totaly) that I kind of sat up tall in the seat to see the road. When I got to the point where the

Subj is a w/m, med. complex, haz eyes, brn hair, Apx 18-20y.

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abd occurred. I wasn't paying attention to anything ~~if~~ bec. I was excit. about seeing Brenda Nokha. As I passed the mailbox by the driveway a light hit me in the eyes & I turned away to the right. It wasn't like a reflector because reflectors don't shine back but I didn't think about it much because I was already late & I don't like being late. I drove straight to the portage road, turned right & went past T. Thumb. Usually I look in the T Thumb lot to see if any of my friends cars are there but this time I didn't. I was at Brendas house at 4:00 am when the police came. We were up talking & 4 plain cloud police officers came & found me. They asked if I had seen anything unusual that someone was missing. They came the next day & the day after & asked more questions. I told them about the light about 2 days later. I might have seen a car parked down the driveway but I don't remember if I saw it or if I dreamed it. I had alot of dreams about the abd. when it 1st happened. But the light comming back into my eyes was real - I didn't immagine or dream it. It was like a spot light.

Steven says that his eyes are very sensetive to light. If he is in a car and the dome light is turned on his eyes automatically shut. He wears sun glasses alot when outside + can trace the light sensitivity to an incident that happened when he was 13 or 14 y. old. His dad works for Franklin (Insurance) + once they went on a company vacation to the Brainerd area. He was swimming in a pool that was super chlorinated + opened his eyes several times. After a while he decided to get out of the water, his eyes bothered him then for a period of about ½ hour he was completely blind. He is sure he chemically burned his eyes + his eyes have been very sensitive to light ever since.

Steve also says the auth. asked him if he saw. kids Running acc. the field when his head lights swept acc it. He said he didn't see anything but adds that his head lights wouldn't have been that bright to see the 100-200 y distance involved.

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(CLARIFICATION)

It was mentioned by
that when the boys were running in the field
headlights were seen on the road going
towards the Tom Thumb.

doesn't remember anything in
particular as he ran through the field.
He said he had the flashlight with
him the whole time & kept it in his hand
as he ran through the field. says that
after caught up with him & they
were running across the field to the
road (Kiwi) he accidentally turned it
(the flashlight) on but turned it
back off again. He says the light is
very bright.

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Hetrves Judy

We were home (hus & wife) Jeff (only child living home) was at a girl friends house. Jeff saw the boys leave as he was playing basket ball in his own driveway. He left shortly after that to go to his girl friends - Jeff was questioned by police but didn't see anything.

Judy phoned Jeff at Heidie's house (his girl friend. Jeff says he was playing basketball with Heidi & saw the boys leave - after a while they came inside the house & watched a video they had rented earlier in the day. No one knew anything was wrong until Heidi's mom phoned asking if Heidi was alright & there as there were police cars going around. Judy would estimate the time to have been 10:00 pm or 10:30 pm. At that time Jeff & Heidi left in the car and were stopped by the police

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Hetnes, Jeff
363-4265

6/6/90

Jeff states that he saw the boys when they left to go get the movie as he was playing basket ball w/ his girl friend. They went inside and watched part of a movie then they left in a car to go to her house. At that time the abduction had already happened & police cars were on the scene.

5/25/90

Younger Mr. Krey

415 EEF Brown Van Krey Elec
812 DEN Red Ford F150 Ranger P.U. Truck

Says he lives here w/ his parents & came home about ½ hour after it happened & doesn't have any information.

Parents own a tan car & will have to speak to them.

Descript: 6'3" tall, 220 lbs. w/m med brn hair, silver wire glasses -

Not uncooperative, but not cooperative either.

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P/G F CAN

5/25/90
not home

5/26/90

Spk w/ a younger looking w/F/M who says that she didn't live at this house @ the time of the dissap. but that her boy friend did but he was not presently home.

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Kevin J. Plafcan 5/30/90

This source wasn't home that weekend. He left Lana Rings' house in St. Cloud about 10:30 PM that Sunday night & drove through the road blocks on the way home. I didn't know that Jacob was missing as the police didn't say anything but later that night I spoke to one of the neighbors and then I found out.

Four years ago I had a motorcycle accident & was head injured & now my memory isn't good. I was on my way to an AA meeting but I don't remember the accident."

I own the house I live in and rent the basement to 'Luke' ~~Christopher~~ DOB 9/3/68 Richard 'Luke' Toft and his friend Christopher Beutz (DOB 7/2/68) beginning around Sept of 1989 - Luke & Chris are students at St. Johns College.

Parents:

Richard & Christine Toft 5032 Vincent Ave S
Minn. 55410 612-922-6216/
Robert or Diane Beutz 4209 Aldrich Ave S
Minn 55409 612-825-7326

A previous renter was Edward N. Johnson whose parents live at R+1 Box 106, Hinckley. Minn. 55037 Pos-Phone 255-9344

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Mr. Johnson was a disgruntled renter who took Mr. P. to court for the return of a rent deposit which Mr. P. kept because of damage to the apt. Mr. P describes Ed Johnson as 6'2" tall, medium build, w/male, Apx 24 yrs-old, short sandy blond hair, no beard or moustache. His ~~voice~~ voice was medium pitched w/out an accent. He worked at Fingerhut in St. Cloud.

I know that I left Lanas' at 10:30 PM because that is her curfew for visitors & it takes me about 20 min. to get home from ~~to~~ her house.

Possible visitors to my house could be: Bill BFCAN (my brother) 253-0879
Gerard Yamry (a friend) 255-5379

But no one said to Mr. P that they came by that night & no one was home.

Some friends that visited the renters are:

Chris' brother
Chris' girlfriend Juli
Luke's "

No one came forward after the abduction & said that they had dropped by the house that night.

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SE OF EMERGENCY NOTIFY: Robert OR DIANE BEUTZ				RELATIONSHIP Parents
ESS 1209 ALDRICH AVE S	CITY Mpls	STATE MN	ZIP 55409	TEL # (612) 825-7326

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ICANT [signature]	[signature]	RENTAL AGENT	

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CANT: R. Luke Toft		RENTAL AGENT	

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(1)

Mrs. Melin Husb Bruce not here for Interview 5/25/90

We were away on a 4 day & got back that afternoon. Chad 18y was with us (husb & wife) Beth may have come home from college (married & Lives in St. Paul) & went back but wasn't here Sunday night. Another daughter is also away at college and wasn't here.

Chad went out ~~of~~ and picked up ~~Chad Christiansen~~ & ~~Chad~~ Jeff ~~&~~ ~~the~~ ~~Gilbe~~ Cihlar of St. Cloud leaving at about 8:00 pm or 8:30 pm. We were home from the weekend at about 4:00 pm. It was dusk, but not dark enough to turn on my headlights. Chad saw nothing unusual when he left. Chad came back from St. Cloud at 12:00 midnight but was 10 minutes after his 12:00 curfew because of the 4 check points between Tom Thumb & the house.

Mrs. Melin said that no kids came to visit Chad & most call 1st anyway. Mrs. M. first noticed something was wrong when Eickhoff's called to say what had happened. Eickhoff's were phoned by Merle Terzak as he knew Holly was home alone & phoned to tell her to lock the doors but Holly's parents were just walking in.

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Meline
(2)

Not a lot, but some people take the dirt road short cut. We used to go to the health club in Rochville and lost the gas tank on our car but it cut 8 mi round trip off the trip

Chad says his friends take the dirt road to go fishing at the Sauk River. Doug Bechtold (a friend) lives on a farm a couple miles away by the 94 overpass. That night 6 or 7 guys were out at Bechtolds playing cards. Chad Christiansen & Darrin Kappee were two of the guys. Chad took the dirt road to take Darrin home & was stopped by a police car near where the abduct occurred.

Chad (by phone) Kappes house
Passed by ~~the abd. point~~ at 10:30 PM poss. one police car was pulling over everybody. About 8:00 AM I picked up Darrin & went to Bechtolds via the dirt road. There were six people at Bechtolds & other people besides Doug, Darrin & me, & we were the 1st to leave that night. Dougs parents were home & it was boring.

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Meline
(3)

My brother is a Highway Patrolman for the State (Scott McAllen). That night he was going from Alexandria to Hinkley via Hwy 75 and thought of stopping in to see me. His wife was ahead of him w/ the kids in their ~~stat~~ vehicle & he may have been in the state van. He thinks he went by just after 9:00 pm pas 9:15 pm & when he got to Tom Thumb he decided not to stop. He said he saw a rusty old damaged white van cross Hwy 75 (from the other side of the road from Tom Thumb) The van pulled on to Minnesota street, didn't pull into the T Thumb, but proceeded west. As Scott was going in the other direction he didn't see how far down Minnesota it went. When he heard about the abduction & heard the description of the van he remembered the van he saw & called the information into the FBI & he was questioned over the phone when he called in.

Husb. Bruce is picking up a daughter from College at the time of this interview.

N/147

Ross 5/25/90

Spk w/ a teenage girl apx 17 who said only her dad was home the evening Jacob disap. as the rest of the family went to a church funct. around 6 ish. When the fam. was returning home the police were at the scene + the abduct. had already happened.

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Holly Eickhoff 14 - 5/25/90

The night of the disap parents were away at a movie or dinner & I was babysitting w/ Mandy Dickensen fr. St. Cloud. Parents left 6 or 7:00 PM. Mandy doesn't drive, my parents went & got her from her house. No one came over. Mom & Dad got home around 10:00 or so & Merle called to talk to them. Then they went around & locked all the doors. They didn't tell us what happened until the next morning because they knew we wouldn't sleep. The FBI has been here a few times since then.

Called Haugen w/ more info for me so I returned @ 10:10 pm —

At about 6:00 PM I phoned in for a pizza to be delivered by either Herts or Gary's. A man of about 20 delivered it in a regular car I think - We usually get our Pizzas from Dominos but that night I think we were going to do something different.

Mandy by phone via Holly - got Pizza around 6:00 PM & doesn't remember where it came from.

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5/25/90

Jane & Ron Haugen

We were invited to go to the same open house that the Wetterlings were at that night but we decided not to go. Jane wks at the college & thus knew the person whose open house it was. Didn't go because it was our anniversary & we have a new baby. We were home all night. No one came to the house & no one was expected.

The next day Jane went to work & she saw a tape (yellow crime scene do not cross) by the driveway on the ®. It was accross the driveway so you couldn't go down the driveway.

Ron went to work earlier, the Sheriffs car was on the wrong side of the road w/ the headlights on. I first thought it was someone driving on the wrong side (it was dark out) but then I saw it wasn't moving & then saw it was a Sheriffs car & I figured some thing happened @ the farm. When I got to work @ the Tech. Coll I phoned home & told Jane to make sure the doors are locked & told her what I saw. Later, the man who had the open house came upstairs & said that Jacob Wetterling had been abducted. Then I phoned Ron & told him.

N/150

Mr. Al ~~Key~~ Krex
Mrs. Cynthia Krex

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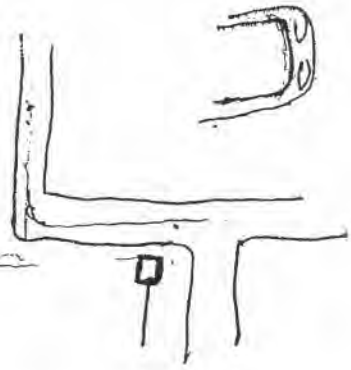

1 wk before abd OR so to the day bef. the abd. Mr. K was in the woods looking for the parts to a mod. airplane that had crashed months before. While in the field a black 'Dukes of Hazard' type car was driving along the road along the field then turned on to Kiwi & going very slowly. (Mr. K was walking back to his house from the airplane search activity.) Mr. K went to his mail box as the car passed + he noticed that the tint on all the car windows was so dark he couldn't even see the silhouette of a person inside. Mr. K said that on the leading edge of the hood the black paint had flaked and white was showing. Mr. K says that as he used to work in a garage from 1950 - 1952 + 1953 he is aware of what causes that kind of a paint problem.

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Krey

Mr. Krey says that when you work on an engine & get grease from your fingers on the hood, if it isn't treated properly the new paint job won't adhere to the surface & thus it will flake off. Mr K feels he could have even seen this car on Saturday, the day before the abd. as that would be a day off and lend itself to him being out looking for the car parts during the daylight hours.

The Kreys had left their house about 6:00 PM with Glen & Dorothy Deutz of Cramer Lake in the Deutz's car, and the all went to Charlies Rest. in St. Cloud. They left Charlie R. & turned W onto Division St. & went past the Hour Glass Cleaners at 8:38 PM. Mr. Krey had wired canopy lights under the bldg & signs. The canopy lights were not working. The canopy lights are on a timer & the sign is on an electric eye and that is what made me look at my watch. It was just sundown & I remember that the timer was set for 9:00 PM. It is a 20 minuet ride from that point to home. I timed it myself. ~~& the FBI~~ Therefore I believe that the Deutz's dropped me off at 9:00 PM. We got out of the car & the Deutz's left w/o getting out of their car.
363-7853 Deutz (pronounced Ditz)

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Krug

Ernie Lauer's (Arnold) daughter did see the boys on their way back from the Tom Thumb as she had to wait for them to go by before she backed out of her driveway.

At another time, pos. Sunday morning Mr. K was near the front window of his house when he saw a sm. stationwagon go by that was 'bitter sweet' colored. He used that term 'bitter sweet' because he had a 53' mercury hard top that was rust colored & he later found out the technical name for the orange/red color is 'bitter sweet.' It was a small sized station wagon that rode high in the back. There were louvers in the back rear side pannel where the window or side light would be. When Mrs. K was talking to Mrs. Deats, Mrs. D told of a rust colored small stationwagon going slowly down Cramer Lake dead end road & she was behind it. Mrs. D. said that she was going home & wondered what it was doing on this street going so slow. This was prior to the approach of the Newton boy, who lives next door to Mrs. Deutz. ~~This~~

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Thomas, Jim & Wife Bebie 5/26/90

Mrs. Thomas left the house @ about 9:00pm w/ daughter Candice 9yr old, to go grocery shopping. Mr. Thomas stayed home w/ other daughter Deana 11y & a friend Kelly Litzau from St. Cloud. It was dark enough to have my head lights on. I got home around 11:00pm. Mrs. T doesn't remem. any kids on bikes or anyone at all. When she came back at 11:00 the police stopped me, asked questions and said there was a missing child. When Mrs. Thomas told Jim Thomas that something was going on. 1st Mr. Thomas phoned Mrs. Wetterling, who was hysterical, then he walked to the abduction point.

Mr. T questions what happened to the Tom Thumb tape that the boys rented. Was it in the ditch, who has the reciept.

Mrs. Thomas says that after the 1989 school year started that at least one time there was a car parked in the Rassier's driveway & it made me feel uncomfortable as it was right around school bus time & I knew Deanna was going to be getting off. I remember the car as dark brown or black, a small stationwagon & I couldn't see who was inside of it because of the distance it was from the road.

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Thomas

Dept of Corr & Dept of Human Services
or a probation office & inquire about a
specific type of facility to treat pedophiles -
St. Cloud Hosp, V.A. Hosp &

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5/27/90

Mr. + Mrs. Dan Rebischke 29498 9th St
Lori

Husb got home from Wadena (Rental property) at 8:30 8:45 PM. Wife + 2 kids 2 & 4 yrs. were home. Shortly after 9:00 PM a car w/ headlight on drove out 254th St. + stopped @ the intersection of the driveway + 254th. Then another car had come out of Beckfold's driveway + drove towards the highway. The other car that had stopped turned around and went back." At another date John Rassier Sr. said that a FM resident who was going to take a walk came towards our house + saw a car parked by our garage, then walked back to her house. Pos Mrs. Moline". Another car came out of the cul de sac, asked the person what they were doing + the car took off."
RASSIER John B JR. 363-8415

1st Knew something was wrong about 12:30 AM when a helicopter flew over the house + they looked out the window + saw police cars on the road. We felt someone had robbed the Tom Thumb + shot someone. "We were Scared + didn't come out of the house. The next morning Dan went up to the scene + the police wouldn't tell us but late it was on the radio.

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Rabischke
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Mrs. R's parents Al & Betty Brandel
16 Northeastern St, Waite Park 252-2937.
were at the Del Win that night as they
often go there on a Sunday.

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Mrs. Bechtold

Husb + Wife came home 7:00 pm or 7:30 pm from the Del Win for a dance. "We went to the Del Win about 5:00 pm + left about 7:00 pm then went to the Amer. Legion in St. Joseph, had one drink there + came home 7:30-7:45 pm" At that time Wendy Bechtold was going to study at the library @ St. Bens + "she was leaving as we were coming home." Wendy came home around midnight + got stopped 2 x by the police. Mr + Mrs. Bechtold were asleep, she locked all the doors. The police took her license plate number down + when she asked what had happened she was told 'it doesn't concern you' - so she went home. When Mr. + Mrs. Bechtold woke up they felt it was probably over someone out in the woods with a gun + thus stayed up all night. The next day they learned what had happened via the radio. There was no company to the house but someone could have come up the field road.

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Mrs. Bechtold & Andy Bechtold

Mrs. B & Mr. Andy B - went to the Del Win on the spur of the moment. There wasn't alot of people that they knew.

Morris Palmershire - St. Joseph / acc to Andy, pos. was there

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Mr. Bradish

Mr. Bradish states that he was home the evening of the disappearance and was doing something downstairs. When he heard that there had been an abduction & the boys hadn't seen a car he became worried because he knew his son had driven by at about that time & he was concerned that the abductor could have hijacked his son for his car.

Mr. B. approached the FBI with his concern & waited in fear until 4:00 AM or so when his son was located.

Mr. B. says the FBI searched the school or college records for the girls name, then the employee records at Targets & finally phoned the police in the girls home town, which was their home town. The police recognized the name, called the girls mother who told them where she was living & the FBI found Steve there.

Mr. Bradish also says that the headlights on his sons car were adjusted very low (making a hand gesture pointing into the ground) as well as being cracked and dim.

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Unidentified Female

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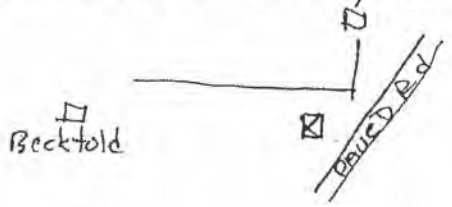
House at the End of the Beckfold Farm Rd.



At this location I spoke w/a FM who said that her husband is a Wait Park Police Officer + their dog 'Bruiser' was the dog used to track Jacob the night he disapp. She said the dog tracked to a tire track & it was then that they realized that a car was involved. She had no further information to provide

DEL WIN BALLROOM PATRONS LIST

The Del Win Ballroom and an Albany radio station sponsored a Polka Festival on 10/22/89 from 2:00 PM to 10:00 PM drawing approximately 1,000 people throughout the day. Because of the proximity of the Festival to the abduction site I felt it was worth while to attempt to gain or develop a list of those attending.

A request was made of the Task Force for the list of about 50 names that had been gained through a public appeal. After consulting with the County Attorney a decision was made that the list was part of an on-going investigation and therefore couldn't be released. Prior to that decision being made, but anticipating a negative reply to the request I began developing a list by speaking to the two couples who were uncovered during the neighborhood canvass and successively asking them who else may have been at the Del Win.

One participant advised that each person attending had written their name, address and phone number on a piece of paper for a raffle. This list of names, if saved, might be a list of who had been at the Polka Festival.

Contacting the senior Mr. Meuller at the Del Win he advises that the radio station conducted the drawing and they might have the stubs. Contacting the radio station through Jerry Wetterling he is advised that they kept the names for about a month before being discarded. They also said that the Task Force had also inquired about the names but that was about a month after they had been destroyed.

Continuing to phone Festiv See Rpts on William Wagner Delbert Sexton find any
who saw the boys at the To saw
anything unusual outside t

I do find several reports of a man who appeared 'not to fit in with the crowd' sitting alone at the Del Win's bar. It was relayed that the polka festival or 'old time music' is an event usually attended by older couples. The couples dress polka style, dance and socialize with other patrons who are usually familiar faces even if their names are not known.

The man at the bar was alone, appeared slightly unkempt, was dressed shabbily and didn't socialize. Randy Grahm, the bartender, said that he's worked 80% to 90% of the Sunday old time dances during the last four years and he didn't recognize the man. Mr. Grahm added that on that night he had another evening appointment and closed his register at about 8:45 PM, then decided to have a drink before leaving. When he had the drink he sat on the same bar stool that the man had sat at, so he knows that the man left around the time he 'cashed out'.

In addition to 'not appearing to fit in' the informants remembered the man because he somewhat resembled the first composite that was released. I believe that the role a composite plays in the further exploration of the man at the bar should be secondary if not disregarded in respect to other factors. It is worthy to note the presence of a person not generic to an area who is 'not fitting in' at an event near where an abduction occurs. This man also left the event a short time before the abduction occurred and has not been seen at a subsequent 'old time' dance.

After speaking with 47 couples that attended the Polka Festival one person was found who had taken home video inside the ballroom at various times during the day. Judy Panitzke of Sauk Center had made the video as a gift to her father who sometimes plays the 'big horn' for the Johnny Helget Band, but was not playing that night. Most of the video shows the band, but from time to time the camera pans to the dance floor and catches both bars in the background. Copies of the film have been made for review by the police agencies involved in the investigation.

Several festival patrons reported seeing someone who they hadn't seen before and who was dressed inappropriately and unkempt. One woman observed the man walking from the first bar and said he had an unusual gait that she couldn't describe other than stooped or tired. said the man had a slight limp to the left and walked slowly.

Steve Gretsch, the KASM D.J. who was present that evening, believes that he may have sat next to the man at the first bar for about ½ hour as he spoke with another man on the other side of him. His description of the man's dress and voice parallels the description given by and .

A list of Del Win patrons who were contacted and notes on those conversations is contained in the attached binder of documentation.

PEOPLE AT THE DEL WIN ON 8/22/89

Al & Betty Brandel
16 Northeastern St.
Waite Park, Minn.
252-2937

* Walter & Evelyn Schneider
1-398-7225

Verne & Ginny Lahr
100 33rd North
St. Cloud, Minn 56303
252-3735

Morris & Rita Palmersheim
30021 95th Avenue
St. Joseph, Minn.
363-7734

Andy & Mrs. Bechtold
91st St.
St. Joseph, Minn

* Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Nistler
8181 Co. Rt. 8
Kimball, Minn 55353
1-398-2071

Mr. & Mrs. Alcuin Kraemer
Kimball
1-398-3035

* Mr. & Mrs. Andy Stang
16498 163rd Ave.
Watkins, Minn.
764-5848

Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester Thies
15371 Co. Rd. 21
Watkins, Minn.
597-2417

Mr. & Mrs. Marcus Schlangen
1631 33rd Ave. N
St. Cloud, Minn 56301
252-6628

Danny Schlangen & Wife
R.R. 3
Paynesville, Minn.
243-4225

Mr. & Mrs. Walz, Cletus
363-7612

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Mr. & Mrs. Cyrl Meyer
R.R. 2,
St. Joseph, Minn.
363-4398

* Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Maciejewski
14183 360th St.
Avon, Minn
356-7123

Verne & Ginny Lahr
100 33rd N
St. Cloud, Minn. 56303
252-3735

Mr. & Mrs. Archie Jonas
36882 Co. Rt. 155
Avon, Minn. 56310
356-7247

Cyrl & Elanore Budde
356-7697

Mr. & Mrs. Don Pflueger
R.R. 2, Avon
363-7891

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Eten
Co. Rt. 2 (St. Joseph or Avon)
363-7849

Mr & Mrs. Archie Jonas
36882 Co. Rt. 155
Avon, Minn. 56301
356-7247

Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Vossen
17042 155th St.
Watkins, Minn. 55389
764-9135

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Elynck
221 8th St., Albany, Minn.
845-4470

* Mr. & Mrs. Al Hennen
Rt. 1, St. Joseph
363-4141

Mr. & Mrs. Pogatchnik
P.O. Box 25, Avon, Minn.
356-7948

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Mr. & Mrs. Tony Kimlinger
27 2nd. St.
Waite Park, Minn.
259-6920

Robert & Ella Budde
Albany, Minn.
845-2850

Mr. & Mrs. Roman Hoffert
Rt. 2, Avon, Minn.
845-4105

Mr. & Mrs. Cyrl Koystermann
814 N 12th Ave.

251-3982

Mr. & Mrs. Cy Calthoff
685-3239

Carol & Joe Mertes
363-8426

Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Schramel
27257 Co. Rd. 50
685-3232

Clarence & Stella Pilarski
272-7271

Mr. & Mrs. Al Posterik
252-4221

Leander & Louise Bienek
746-2987

* Steve Gretsch KASM DJ
W: 845-2184 H: 845-2598

* Dorothy Knaus & Husband
3709 2½ St. NE
Columbia Hgts. 55421
612-788-6401

Loretta & Herb Thull
33545 330th St.
Melrose, Minn. 56352
987-3150

Hubert & Alvina Fruth
St. Agusta
252-2469

* Howard Cater
St. Agusta
251-8259

Verne & Mary Jacobs
Melrose
256-4981

* Kevin Gwost (Marlene)
Sauk Center
352-2059

Dennis Barthel
R.R. 7 , St. Cloud
252-4729

Leonard Herbes
R.R. 2 Upsala
573-2917

Eugene Ostendorf Sr. (Tina)
Holdingford
746-2923

Johnny Helget (Band)
New Ulm
507-354-2579

* Eugene Ostendorf Jr.
Albany
845-2855

Pete & Judy Panitzke
Rainbow Lodge, Sauk Center
612-352-3145

* Sue Diedrichs (Del Win Bartender)
200 25th Ave. N
St. Cloud, Minn
253-9629

* Randy Grahm (Del Win Bartender)
251-5121 (H)
(W) Fox Lounge - Radison Hotel

FRIENDS OF
JACOB WETTERLING

THE WETTERLING FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO RECONSTRUCT THE AUTO TRAFFIC THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN NEAR THE AREA WHERE JACOB DISAPPEARED ON SUNDAY EVENING 10/22/89.

IF YOU WERE AT OR PASSING BY THE DEL WIN OR TOM THUMB PLEASE CALL THE FRIENDS OF JACOB OFFICE WITH YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER. THE NUMBER IS 363-0470.

PLEASE CALL EVEN IF YOU DON'T FEEL THAT YOU SAW ANYTHING - EVERY PIECE OF INFORMATION WILL HELP. PLEASE CALL EVEN IF YOU HAVE ALREADY CALLED THE TASK FORCE.

THANK YOU,

JERRY WETTERLING
PATTY WETTERLING

32 1ST AVENUE NORTHWEST ST. JOSEPH, MINNESOTA 56374 (612)363-0470

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Sunday Sue - Del Win
5/28/90

Bartenders on 10/22/89

Randy Grahm - 251-5121 Radisson Hotel/Fox Lounge St. Cloud
Sue Diedrichs - 253-9629.

There were apx 1,000 patrons @ the Del Win that evening. Most from Albany. Many families w/ children. On man described as 'weird' was at the bar

KASM Polka Fest

Del Win

Sue Diedrichs 253-9629 5/28/90
200 25th Ave N
St. Cloud, Minn.

There was a guy setting at the bar wearing a baseball cap + drinking Papst beer. He was by himself + didn't talk - he was different looking (grubby) not like the other people who were there. He had dark hair.

Grubby - jeans / cap.

'I normally dont work Sundays'.

Nothing else was unusual that evening. The only ~~the~~ reason why I remember it is because we were talking about him after the abduction.

Del Win
Bartender

Randy Graham 251-5121 5/29/90

There was a guy at my end of the bar who had left at 8:30 pm or so. I checked out at ~~9:50~~ ~~9:45~~ 8:45 – 9:00 pm and there was no one sitting at my part of the bar. At that time I sat at the bar where he had been sitting, had a drink, then you went w/a friend to the La Playette in St. Joseph. The man just kind of appeared, he stayed for an hour or 1½ hr. or so. I think he drank pop or something. I've worked there for 4 yrs. and I worked 80-90% of the Sunday Old Time Dances + I never saw him before. He was dressed in a dark greyish jacket, kind of fat 5'7" or so. He was built but kind of heavy. I don't remember a hat and he was kind of dirty looking. He kind of looked like the 1st composit. I don't really remember his voice, it might have been low + scruffy. like he was tired, not real clear

This source had to end our conversation as he has a 6:00 pm appt. at a volley ball game but said he would call back tomorrow @ noon.

Del Win

5/28/90
17 min.

Al + Betty Brandel 252-2937
16 Northeastern St. Waite Park, Minn

Parents of Lori Rebischke

Spoke w/ Betty Brandel
left at 9:40 PM - Lori called us + told us what had happened so I remember the time.

Evelyn Schneider - Kimball (Sterns County)
Walter ~~[illegible]~~ 1-398-7225
Jerome Wissler - pos. Cold Spring Tel Info. Neg
Verne Lake (Finnie) 252-3735

We ~~were sitting~~ usually sit at a little square table but the night of the disap we were down farther at a bigger table.

At least two bands played that night.
Meuler runs the Del Win

Betty spoke w/ her husband yesterday after Lori said ~~we~~ I might be calling + he doesn't remember

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Del. Win

Morris + Rita Palmersheim 5/28/90
30021 95th Ave 11 min
St. Joseph, Minn 363-7734
Spoke with Mrs. Palmersheim
Home @ 10:45 pm - saw police lights thru the trees - had gotten there early in the afternoon. Found out abt abd. nxt morning.

'We didn't stay with anyone in particular.'

'Early in the afternoon we sat in a corner then changed position later to a table near the door because I have a hearing aid.'

'We didn't see anything - we love old time music + paid attention mostly to the van.'

Within a month before the disappearance Rita and a neighbor Cathy Phillips 363-7757 4568? saw a van go down their road. It was a rusty van, light gold + they commented that 'what is that doing in here' - we had never seen it in the neighborhood before'. The van was going very slow, as though it was lost or looking for something.

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Del Win

5/28/90

Walter & Evelyn Schneider
10582 Co Rd 147, Kimball, Minn. 1-398-7225
Spoke w/ Evelyn Schneider 21 min

Left the Del Win 'stayed to the very end'. Didn't see anything when we left, not even police cars.

I think there were two bands.
We sat opposite the front door by the second bar.

'There was a man in there that was wearing a cap, like the caps you get from a seed company. I remember him because he ~~he~~ didn't seem to fit in. He stood out because he was wearing that cap + he wasn't as dressed up as everyone else who was there. I noticed him when he walked by our table.'
Mrs. S says she had never seen this man before. He was about 50 yrs. old, fairly tall, white (tan). 'Usually we see the same people at these dances ~~b~~ even though we don't know their names, we've seen them before, but not this man.'

'I don't think we were there with anyone that night'

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Del Win

Jerome Nistler + Mrs. 1-398-2071 5/28/90
8181 County Rd 8, Kimball, Minn. 55353 20 min.

Mrs. Nistler spoke with me.

When I saw the picture of the man I felt that I had seen him at the Del Win. When we got there he was at the first bar on a stool against the wall. He didn't sit facing the bar but with his back to the wall. As I walked in and went by he was looking our way he had a stare that made me feel uncomfortable. He had a jacket and cap on. The jacket was a large plaid in either tan or brown. He was unshaven (pos that day or a couple of days growth). He was white, about 50 years old, with regular hair (not long), wasn't fat but stout. Never seen him before.

Johny Helgate was playing that night. Some one sent us a video tape that might be of that night - we didn't take any pictures.

We left when it was all over.
Alcuin Kracmer of Kimball might have been there.

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Del Win

5/28/90

Mr. Alcuin Kraemer 1-398-3035 Kimball
Mrs. Kraemer spoke w/ me.

"We got there around 2:00 pm. We didn't take any photos and left at about 9:00 pm. We were with the Walter Schneiders."

No one saw anything unusual. Possibly Andy Stang + Elmer Vassen of St. Nicholas were there. They would have Watkin's phone number.

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Del Win

Mr. & Mrs. Andy Stang, 5/28/90
16498 163rd Ave Watkins 21 min.
764-5848

Spoke w/ Mrs. Stang

Had left about 1/2 h before the disap. Got there when it started, possibly 1 or 2:00 PM.

There was a man, Kathryn Westin had mentioned him, he had a plaid shirt on and he might have been slightly on the bald side. I think he might have been at the 1st bar. He was possibly 40 or 50 yrs. old. He was the only one who brought back a memory when I thought back weeks later. He was by the bar and watched him walk towards the outside door. He had a different walk, kind of slouched, he was reasonably tall, about 6', kind of a slower pace.

Mr. Andy Stang - Arud @ Del Wing guess 2:00 PM
went back to St. Nicholas bingo when we had to work @ about 9:00 PM. CASM DAY.

Two people who may have been there also.
Tony Kimlinger 259-6920
Sylvester Thies 597-2417

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Del Win

5/28/90
7 min

Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester Thies
15371 Co Rd 21 597-2417
Watkins

I spoke w/ Mrs. Thies.
Left at 8:30 pm because we had a KC turkey party @ St. Nicholas at 9:00 pm. We had gotten there about 2:30 pm. It was from 2-10:00 pm.
Saw nothing unusual. "Just stayed there + had plain fun." We sat opposite the door where you came in.

Possibly Danny Schlangen of St. Cloud + his brother Marcus Schlangen of Paynesville or Roscoe were there w/ their wives.

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Del Win

5/28/90
4 min.

Marcus Schlangen
1631 33rd Ave N
St. Cloud, Minn 56301 252-6628

I spoke w/ MARCUS.

Were there earlier in the afternoon and left about 9:00 pm. Didn't see anything. Sat on the East side of the bldg.

This source couldn't provide any other names.

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Del Win

5/28/90
2 min

Danny Schlangen
R.R. #3
Paineswille, Minn
243-4225

"We were there all afternoon but left early - pass. about 8:00 PM Nothing was unusual. "There were alot of people walking around the street in St. Joseph but someone said it was kide coming back to college - it was around the college where we seen them".

This source couldn't provide any other names

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Del Win

Al Hennen
Rt 1 St. Joseph
363-4141

5/29/90

Mr. Hennen says he was at the Del Win that night w/ his wife. They arrived at about 2:00 pm and may have left at 10:00 pm. There was a grubby looking guy who sat at the end of the bar. He wasn't dressed like every body else who was there. I was going to call it in to the Police but didn't know who he was. I don't know if he was there when I came in - I kind of noticed him around 6:00 p or 7:00 p. He was wearing something like a jeans jacket possibly but I'm not sure. I don't remember a hat. I was about 30' from him as he sat at the 1st bar seat closest to the front door next to the wall. He was about 45 yrs. old. w/male; I sat with Joe + Carol Mertes, 363-8426.

No one took photos at their table

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Del Win

5/29/90

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Elynck
221 8th St - Albany, Minn.
845-4470

I spoke w/ ~~Mrs~~. Elynch who said she + her husband were @ the Del Win the day in question. She said they are there almost every Sunday when they have Old Time music.

It is not known when this couple arrived or left Del Win, or where they sat. They were with or near Elmer + Marie ~~Pry~~ Przybillo of St. Joseph who live near the Wetterlinge.

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Mrs. + Mr. Elmer Vossen 5/29/90
17042 155th St
Watkins, Minn. 55389
764-9135

I spoke w/ Mrs. Vossen who said she, her husband and her brother + wife Cy Kalthoff of Cold Spring (685-3239) were at the Del Win that night. They got there in the Kalthoff vehicle between 2:30p + 3:00pm where they sat on the west side of the building by the second bar. They left at 9:30 pm + when they got half way between St Joseph + Cold Spring a car passed them going in the opposite direction w/ its lights and siren on. The Police car was light blue in color. When they got to the Cold Spring high school there was a brown police car (like a highway patrol car) parked on the side of the road.

This source didn't notice anything unusual at or near the Del Win that night.

Their friends, the Wistlees, later said that there was a wierd guy sitting at the bar that night.

This sources husband said in the background that there was a car in the Tom Thumb filling up w/ gas. Mr. Vossen then left the house in his car and I could not talk to him.

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Del Win

5/29/90
4 min.

Mrs. Archie Jonas
36882 Co Rt 155 Avon, Minn. 56310
356-7247

I spoke w/ Mrs. Jonas
Archie + Mrs. Jonas were at the Del Win that night w/ Elmer + Ginny Macierewski. This source doesn't know when they arrived but guessed at 9:00 PM and further guesses that they left when the Del Win closed at 12:00 midnight or 12:30 AM. Mrs. Jonas didn't see anything unusual and didn't know anything had happened until she turned her radio on the next morning. "We talked about it after that and we must have gone by before it happened.

MR. ARCHIE JONAS ↓

Went past the Tom Thumb store at 8:40 PM + then went to the Del Win + noticed that they weren't collecting tickets + I looked at my watch + it was about 8:45 PM. Johnny Helgurt was playing that night + we went to see him play. I sat a couple of tables from the 1st bar. This source didn't remember seeing anyone suspicious, nor did they take any photographs. They stayed 'pretty much to the end of the program.'

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Del Win

5/29/90
18 min.

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Eten
Co. Rt 2 St. Joe or Avon
363-7849

I spoke w/ Mrs. Eten who says that she and her husband were there & they may have sat with Cletus + Ileene Walz 363-7612 (Sist. In. Law). Elmer + Marie Przybilla of St. Joseph may have been there too.
"I don't know when we got there but we left about 9:50 PM. The next morning I saw a helicopter + someone called + said a boy was missing. (I work at home for a Pro-Life Organization) We may have sat acc. from the front door between the two bars (possibly)." This source didn't see anything unusual.

Mr. Eten: Mr. Eten says that they may have arrived at 6:00 P + stayed until the event was over. No one from his group took any pictures. This source could not add to the present list of names.

N/187

Del Win

5/29/90
6 min.

Mr & Mrs. Don Pflueger
R.R. 2 Avon
363-7891

I spoke w/ Mrs. Pflueger who remembered it was a CASM polka fest. She says that she + her husband go to the Del Win alot. That night the Pfluegers were by themselves although there were people present who they knew. Nothing unusual happened + they don't remember anyone suspicious. They may have arrived at about 7:00P and left when the event ended, about 11:00P or so. When they left they didn't see any police cars. Other people may have been

① Jim Peirskalla 36025 Co Rd 155 Avon
Jim is single + 50ish + lives w/ his Father
phone 356-7264

② Stanley + wife ← husband knows his last name

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Del Win

5/29/30
7 min.

Verne & Ginny Lahr
100 33rd N
St. Cloud, 56303 252-3735

I spoke w/ Verne Lahr who said that he + his wife had gone to the Del Win that night arriving in the afternoon. The left at about 9:00PM, turning onto the main highway and headed towards Waite Park. A car did pull up behind them but he didn't call it in because he couldn't tell if it came out of the Tom Thumb or Del Win and couldn't describe the car.

Mr. Lahr remembers that he sat at the first table off the second bar near the popcorn machine w/ Al and Betty Brandel. "We all stayed till just before the end then we left as my wife had to go to work the next night.

Mr. Lahr didn't see anything suspicious or unusual.

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Del Win

Mrs. Lohr. 5/30/90

This source said that she felt the car that was behind them came from the back of the parking lot near the farmers field. She said there were alot of cars there that were there for the event. She didn't take any photos and saw nothing unusual.
Others who may have been there are...

Laura + Art Klaphake 685-3900 COLD SPRING
↑ wks Franklins ↑ wks Menards
~~Art~~ Clarence + Stella Pilarski 252-7271

N/191

Del Win

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Elmer Maciejewski (Majeski)
14183 360th St, Avon, Minn.
356-7123

5/28/90
34 min.

My wife + I were at the Del Win that night. We got there about 2:00pm + left about 10:00pm or 10:10pm. We went there by ourselves but we sat with different people that night - I don't remember who at this point.

There was one man who was unusual that night. At 5:30 or 6:00pm, we were sitting at a table by the 1st ~~by~~ bar. This man walked in and recognized him from a week before. At that time I was at Immac. Concep in St. Anna + I stopped to talk to my brother-in-law + he was there and I think my b-in-law may know him. He said he was born + bread around Holding, Minn. when he said his name was Beniek. He told me his first name but I forgot it. I think he said he was living in St. Paul. The night at the Del Win he had on drab clothes, he had a top coat on, buttoned up all the way. When he walked near me I made like I was talking to someone because I didn't want him to stop to talk to me or sit at my table. This guy was in his early 60s. + he was alone.

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He walked in the direction of the second bar and I lost track of him after that. Maybe he wouldn't have recognized me anyway. My brother in Law is ~~Det~~ Al Pankek of 1/4 mi out of St. Anna on the left (Co Rt 9) 356-7284. My B/I/LAW may know his I.D.

Another person who may have been there was
Al Henrien 363-4141 Rt 1, St. Joseph
Harold + Ethyl Roth, New Ulm, Minn 100 mi. away Southern part of Minn.
Cyril + Elanore Budde, 356-7697 AVON
Neighbor: Archie Jonas 356-7247 AVON

Someone from the Quick Mart in Avon said they saw a man who resembled the first composit that was released.

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Del Win

Cyrl Meyer
R.R.2, St. Joseph
363-4398

5/28/90

First spoke w/ Mrs. Meyer who didnt rem. the eve.
Then spoke w/ Mr. Meyer.
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Sat w/ another couple on the opposite side from the front door (pos. S.W. corner) 259-7835
They were giving away T shirts, Bob Weirauch & Christine Weber + if they hadn't left early they would have gotten one. They aren't married to each other.
the composit↓
Resembled Heim Big Bear he worked @ years ago - An odd fellow.
Dave Heim is his brothe of St. Cloud.

There was another abd. att, at Cramer Lake 1 yr. earlier. It was also a doctors son. I believe the address was the same in both abductions. It was the CNR of my property

Cyrl had spoken to the police previously when they called him cuz he had used his VISA card to buy gas at the Tom Thumb. That was Saturday, the day before the abduct. Cyrl remembered "3 goof balls ahead of him at the pumps - no plate # though".

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Del Win

5/28/90
5 min.

Mr. + Mrs. Waltz, Cletus
363-7612

First spk w/ Mr. Cletus who had little recollection of the night.

Then spk to Mrs. Cletus. She remembers being there that evening and feels they may have left about 10:00PM but can't remember when they got there. She doesn't remember where they sat as they frequently go to the Del Win on Sunday evenings and sit in different places. She doesn't remember seeing any police activity upon leaving + says she was surprised the next day when she heard what had happened.

She said "for weeks afterward I thought about it over + over again trying to remember something, but I just didn't see anything."

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Del Win

5/29/90
4 min.

Mr. & Mrs. Pogatchnik
P.O. Box 25, Avon. 356-7948

Mrs. Pogatchnik says that she and her husband were at the Del Win that night and sat with or near Jim Pierskalla and Mr. Maciejewski. They had gone to see Ronald Achmans' son play in the band as Mr. Achman is a customer + they heard the band on the Albany Radio station + felt it was good. She doesn't know what time they got to the Del Win but feels that they left at about 4:30 pm when the band stopped playing that the Achman boy was in. She says that she + her husband don't go out that much so they weren't familiar w/ the other people who were there.

Mrs. P. says that she didn't see anything out of the ordinary. They sat in the first booth as you walk in the door because they saw how crowded it was and sat in the first place they could find.

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Del Win

5/30/90

Clarence & Stella Pilarski
272-7271

I spoke w/ Stella who says that she was there that night w/ Clarence. They arrived about 2:30-3:00 PM & stayed until after it ended, about 10:30 PM. They sat on the side that is opposite the 1st bar and didn't see anything unusual or suspicious. She didn't take any photos.

The following people may have been there:

Leander + Louise Bienek 746-2987

~~Art + Laura~~ +

Al Posterik 252-4221

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Del Win

5/30/90

Mr. + Mrs. Clarence Schramel
27257 Co Rd 50
685-3232

Mrs. Schramel says that she + her husband arrived at the Del Win in the afternoon and left sometime between 6:00 P + 7:00 PM At that ~~th~~ time they went to the Hertz Cafe + sat + spoke w/ John + Betty Biermann. The Biermanz had been at a presentation (sales) at the Sands in Albany. At the Del Winn they sat opposite the front door + didn't notice any one suspicious + they took no photos.

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Del Win

5/30/90

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Kimlinger
27 2nd St, Waite Park, Minn.
259-6920

I spoke w/ Mrs. Kimlinger who says that she & her husband were at the Del Win the night in question. This source doesn't remember where they sat or who they may have sat with as so much time has passed. She doesn't remember when they arrived at the Del Win but believes that they stayed until the event ended. She remembers that they went straight home in the direction of St. Cloud that night and made no stops. They did not take any photos and saw nothing suspicious.

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Del Win

5/30/90

Robert + Ella Budde

Albany, Minn. 845-2850

I spoke w/ Mrs. Budde who says that she and her husband were at the Del Win that night having arrived at an unknown time in the afternoon. She feels that they left about 10:30 PM + drove straight home. For a while they may have sat w/ her husbands brother + his wife (Cyrl Budde) but they know alot of people and moved around that night. They didn't take photos and didn't see anything suspicious or out of place.

This source gave the names of some people who I have already spoken to after asking her husband for input (he was in the back ground.)

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Del Win

5/30/90

Mr. & Mrs. Roman Hoffert
Rt 2 Avon 845-4105

I spoke w/ Mr. Hoffert who remembers arriving at the Del Win at about 2:30 PM that day. They left at 9:30 PM or 9:45 PM. He doesn't remember where he sat and didn't take photos. There was no one who stood out as suspicious + they didn't stop at the Tom Thumb after the dance. Mr. H. remembers they were with Vi, a widow from Waite Park who is a friend of his wifes' but he doesn't know her last name. I agreed to call back + spk to Mrs. H.

Mrs. Hoffert - Vi Miller, Waite Park, 251-7743
Also: Esther Krofke 685-4173 Cold Spg.

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Del Win

5/30/90

Mr. & Mrs. Cyrl Koystermann
814 N 12th Ave 251-3982

I spoke w/ Mrs. K who says that she & her husband were at Del Win that night w/ Morris & Rita Palmersheim. They arrived at about 2:00 PM & left about 10:00 PM. She says that there were alot of campers & motor homes there that night & she didn't know anything happened until the next morning. The went directly home in the direction of St. Cloud & didn't see any police cars upon leaving. They sat a couple of tables from the front door & didn't see anyone suspicious. They danced oftn & therefore were on the dance floor alot. The took no photos.

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Del Win

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5/30/90

Mr. & Mrs. Cy Calthoff
685-3239

I spoke w/ Mrs. C. who says she & her husband were at Del Win that night & arrived between 2:30p & 2:45p. She said that the event was to last till 10:00pm and as they wanted to stop on the way home for something to eat they left at 9:30pm. "I was in the back seat on the left side & I remember looking over at the Tom Thumb as we passed it. As I'm in business myself I wondered how they did business wise as there seemed to be no one there." Mrs. C. said that as they drove between St. Joseph & Cold Spring a "cop car came at us & passed us & was flying - we said Holy Cow - what happened." Mrs. C. said that as their car passed Rocori (High School) there was a police car parked there - it was a green one from town. She said that she sat along the west wall w/ Elmer & Juli Ann Vassen & she didn't see anyone suspicious and took no photos that evening. She added that there were alot of people there w/ campers from out of town.

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Some other people who may have been there:

Clarence Schramel
685-3232
27257 Co. Rd. 50

and either Al or Joe Tice

Al Tice 764-6172
Joe Tice 764-6883
} St. Nick Watkins area.

Del Win

5/30/96

Carol & Joe Mertes
363-8426

This source says that she was at the Del Win the night in question + believes that she sat at a table near the 1st bar where they usually sit. She usually sits with Mr + Mrs. Al Hannen and the owners of the Del Win, the Meulers. She and her husband left at about 9:00PM or 9:30PM as her husband had to go to work the next day. She took no photographs and didn't stop at the Tom Thumb.

No one appeared suspicious or out of place.

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Del Win

5/31/90

Mr & Mrs Al Posterik
252-4221

Mrs. Posterik says she & her husband got to the Del-Win about 6:00 PM and left about 10:00 PM. She took no photos, doesn't remember where they sat but believes she may have been with Clarence + Stella Polarski. After leaving the Del-Win The Posterik's ate at the White Park Legion. The go to the Del Win from time to time to see the Johnny Heilgut Band.

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Del Win

5/31/90

Leander & Louise Bienek
746-2987

Mrs. Bienek says that sh & her husband arrived at the Del Win about 3:00 PM. They left at 10:00 PM w/ the people they were setting with, Clarence & Stella Pilarski. They might have spoken for a while in the parking lot but saw nothing suspicious. She took no photos.

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT 6/4/90

Jerry and Patty Wetterling are making a public appeal for people to come forward who attended our KASM Polka Festival in St. Joseph on 10/22/89, the day their son Jacob disappeared. If you were there, even if you didn't see anything anything, please call the Friends of Jacob Office at 363-0470. The Wetterlings thank you - you're call could be the one to make the difference.

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6/5/90

Phone conv. w/ Steve Gretsch KASM
Radio Sta 845-2184 Home 845-2598

Info Relayed by Jerry Wetterling -
man sitting at the bar didn't fit in w/ the way the other people were dressed. He was scruffy looking, had a 2-3 day growth of beard. Wore a green army stocking cap or watch cap - looked out of place - was smoking cigars & asked where he could buy more, had a deep voice. Steve bought the man & another man (batchelor Apx 50y from Howard Lake) a beer. Steve sent him to the Tom Thumb. Jerry also mentioned that a woman had phoned in to KASM that a man had been at the Polka Fest looking strange at the kids

Conv. via phone w/ Steve Gretsch 6/5 3:00 PM

I was at the bar & was speaking with another man two seats away - he said he was a batchelor from Howard Lake. Steve said the man was outgoing & happy but they had to talk around another man who was sitting in between them. This man stood out because he wasn't dressed nice like the other people who were there - he wasn't clean shaven, he had a round face - he never said anything, he just sat there as the Howard Lake man

and I spoke' Steve said the man had his coat on - other people had theirs off. He described it as a dark brown or black coat, waist length - like a waist length leather jacket although it may not have been leather - but it was that type of fit! Steve also said the man had an army cap, stocking cap or watch cap on. Steve said that he himself was at the bar a half hour or so, talking around him - "he didn't even thank me for the drink (beer)." Steve said the man had a deep voice as he asked Steve where he could buy more cigars. Steve sent him to the ~~Del Tom~~ Tom Thumb saying "you can get some at the Tom Thumb - its just by the corner!

Steve described the bachelor from Howard Lake as about 50 yrs old, w/ ~~sa~~ dishwater blond hair - he might have had wire rim glasses on + may have said he was a farmer.

Steve said the man left, he supposes to go get the cigars + he isn't sure if he came back or not as he himself moved on + spoke w/ other people. He feels that the man left at least after 6:00 pm but I don't know how far from that time - its been along time!

He phoned the Sheriffs Dept w/ this info - possibly the next day aft. the abduct.

Barb Gretsch
KASM Radio station

6/5/90 3:30 pm

Barb said that some people who were at the Polka Fest phoned in when they heard Jacob was missing. One woman said there was a man there paying alot of attention to the kids that were there.

She says that she referred all the callers to the Sheriffs office but she has no way of knowing if they ever called the authorities

KASM is going to run the P.S.A. 10 times a day through the end of the month + will run during their polka show.

She says that they had a box of registrations w/ names + addresses but they threw them out aftr 2 weeks. She said that as they had phoned the Sheriffs office + told them that they had the names + no one called them back about them "they figured they were of no value + threw them out. "We phoned the sheriffs office the next day + told them we had had a polka festival right there - someone may have seen something."

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KASM PSA

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6/5/90

Dorothy Knaus
3709 ~~22~~ 2½ St NE
Columbia Hgts 55421
612-788-6401

no photos taken

Dor. + her husband were at the D.W. that night. Got there 1:00 or 2:00 pm - it was jammed w/ no place to sit. At 5:00 or ~~6:00~~ 5:30 pm, when Johnny Heilgut was coming in I noticed a man who resembled the man in the composit w/ the cap on. I noticed him because he had a cap on in a dance hall. He had a tan jacket on, tan cap, pos. w/ a tree emblem on it + a glass in his hand. He was about 55 yrs. old - + had bleached out jeans on. No one wears jeans to a dance. The tan jacket was like a wind breaker.

The man walked around, looking + he saw a family w/ children near where I was sitting + "he looked + stared at those kids up + down". My husband said 'he's looking for somebody' because he looked at people as he passed each table'. He made me feel very uncomfortable - I was scared of him. As he walked away he must have felt me looking at him + he turned around on his heels + stared me in the eye - I had to look away.

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There wasn't an unusual gait to him, he walked like a normal person.

When the ban started to play, or something, I lost track of him.

We left the dance + got back to the Blue Heron in Cold Spring by 7:45 pm where we ate chicken. Therefore we must have left the dance by 7:15 pm. We stayed in Cold Spring + came back to Minneap the next day.

My brother, who was just widowed, was with us for a while but he left earlier than we did as he had to meet his daughter Mickey in St. Cloud. He is Jim Pfannenstein of Braham.

This source phoned Mr. ~~Meuler~~ Meuler of the Del Win + Amy of KASM after she saw the composit in the paper several days later.

KASM PSA

6/6/90

Loretta + Herb Thull
33545 - 330th St
Melrose, Minn. 56352
987-3150

Loretta and her husband were at the Polka Festival that night having arrived around 2:00 pm. Loretta saw no one acting suspicious, didn't take photographs and left between 10:30 pm + 11:00 pm. Loretta said that after the regular bands stopped playing 'some guys w/ button boxes (ACCORDIANS) were jamming + we left when they stopped. When the Thulls left they didn't see any police cars or commotion. They heard about the incident the next day on the radio.

Other couples who may have been there also are:

Francis Thiesen	St. Cloud	
(Pos Lawrence) → Dingmann	Richmond	
Braegelmann	Richmond	
Verne + Mary Jacobs	Melrose	256-4981
Mary Ann Schulzetenberg	Melrose	256-3338

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PATRON NAME

DATE 6/8/90

Hubert + ALVINA FRUTH
ST. AUGUSTA FRUTH
252-2469

This is Jim Persons from the Friends of Jacob Office in St. Joseph. We are contacting as many people as possibly who may have been at the Del Win Polka Festival the evening that Jacob Wetterling disappeared. Might you have been there that night?

Do you remember when you arrived or left?
Arrived about 3 and stayed till about 10pm - she said they arrived after the music had begun

Do you remember who you may have sat with? The only name she gave was HOWARD CATER

How might we contact them?

Do you remember anyone else who may have been there? She said there were some people there that are there a lot but did not know their names.

Did you or anyone that you can remember take photos or video? She saw no one using a camera and did not bring theirs

Do you remember anyone or anything from that night that may have been unusual. She says not. (Seemed to take it personally as if ~~so~~?)

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PATRON NAME

Elmer MACIEJEWSKI
AVON
14183 360 ST
356-7123
(TALKED TO MRS)

DATE 6/8/90

This is Jim Persons from the Friends of Jacob Office in St. Joseph. We are contacting as many people as possibly who may have been at the Del Win Polka Festival the evening that Jacob Wetterling disappeared. Might you have been there that night? Yes

Do you remember when you arrived or left? Arrived early afternoon and left when the dance was over

Do you remember who you may have sat with? They were with Al & Millie Dennein of St Joseph

How might we contact them?

Do you remember anyone else who may have been there? Not really tho she remembers "Regulars"

Did you or anyone that you can remember take photos or video? Did not bring camera nor remember seeing anyone taking pictures.

Do you remember anyone or anything from that night that may have been unusual. Remember nothing unusual. Reports that Mr had talked to Task Force earlier.

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PATRON NAME
Verne + Mary Jacobs
Melrose
256-4981
(Talked to Mary)

DATE 6-8-90
1:18 PM

This is Jim Parsons from the Friends of Jacob Office in St. Joseph. We are contacting as many people as possibly who may have been at the Del Win Polka Festival the evening that Jacob Wetterling disappeared. Might you have been there that night? yes

Do you remember when you arrived mid afternoon or left? They left while it was "just barely light" about 9 or 9:30 p.m.

Do you remember who you may have sat with? Verbie and Laurie THULL.

How might we contact them? They live south of Melrose

Do you remember anyone else who may have been there? "regulars" and lack of recall due to the number of times they have gone

Did you or anyone that you can remember take photos or video? Could not remember if anyone was using a camera - They did not

Do you remember anyone or anything from that night that may have been unusual. can not remember anything unusual inside or out that evening

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6/8/90

Howard Cater 65 yrs old
St. Agusta
251-8259

Info. given to Jerry by Lois Harren. He parents or in laws were at the KASM dance w/ Howard Cater, Irene & PO's John Harren.

11:00 AM Mr. Cater said that he arrived at the Del Win about 3:00 PM & left at 9:55 PM. He was with Hubert & Alvina Fruth of St. Augusta. Also, a Mr. Schafer, 40y male from the Litchfield area may have been there. Mr. C. says that about 10y ago Mr. Schafer lived on one of the Whitney land farms.

His group didn't take photos or video.

Mr. C. says that ~~had~~ he did notice a man w/male w/ PARTED grey hair, apx 50 yrs old w/ short cut side burns that came about 1/2" below his ears. He was the only man there in work clothes, ie: blue jeans, a blue nylon jacket w/a yellow stripe at the cuff & OIL grease stains. He walked the entire circle of the table area around the dance floor 2 times. Once was at about 5:30 PM and again at 6:30 AM "He started on one end and walked between the tables for the complete circle of the floor. I thought someone had left something in one

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of the booths and he was looking for it.'
This source didn't notice anything unusual about the mans walk but said he noticed his shoulders & felt they were very muscular. He was clean shaven & this source doesn't remember glasses. 'He never sat down that I noticed, but he could have. He looked so much different than everyone else there - everyone else was well dressed.

This source didn't notice if the man smoked and didn't notice if he was with anyone.

Mr. C. says that he reported this to the TASC Force and two deputies came and interviewed him

PATRON NAME

DATE 4/8/90 3:15

Kevin Gwost

Sauk Center

352-2059 Spk w/ Marlene Gwost

This is _____ from the Friends of Jacob Office in St. Joseph. We are contacting as many people as possibly who may have been at the Del Win Polka Festival the evening that Jacob Wetterling disappeared. Might you have been there that night? yes

Do you remember when you arrived 1pm or left? 5:10pm

Had to play again at another place that evening. Sun Berg. by Wilmer Wight Owls orchestra. I he drive 7-11:00

Do you remember who you may have sat with?

How might we contact them?

Do you remember anyone else who may have been there? Kevin Priscalla of KASM HAS THEIR # Brenda Kukbock

Stan Deering < W 632-8959 H 632-5544 Honey Bees Band - Upsala/Holdingford

Little Falls. Playmore Band - Albany - 3 or 4 boys.

Did you or anyone that you can remember take photos or video? no

Kevin Gwost (husband) was driving that night

Do you remember anyone or anything from that night that may have been unusual.

Went to Tom Thumb & was man in there that stared at her & she contacted Sheriff

The sketch that is in the paper may be my sketch. I went to the ST. CLOUD police - All three of us went into the Tom Thumb. The man was in one of the isles w/ his hands in his pockets. We were in there 10 min picking out what we wanted & every time I looked back he was staring at me. It got to the point where I mentioned it to Stan Deering, another band member & he turned around & looked at him. He didnt move at all, he just was standing there when we came in & was still standing there when we came out (left). Pos wearing Blu jeans, Pos. a blue jacket & a shirt. His hair was receeding, thinning & a little grey combed straight back. He had a 1-2 day growth of whiskers - deffinately an overnight shadow. He had very broad shouldered type of build - big armed - was well muscled. No GLASSES - 5'8-9" - 200 LBS - NOT POT Bellied. Havent seen before & havent

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PATRON NAME

DENNIS H. BARTHEL
RR7
ST. CLOUD
252-4729

DATE 6/8/90 2:54

This is JP from the Friends of Jacob Office in St. Joseph. We are contacting as many people as possibly who may have been at the Del Win Polka Festival the evening that Jacob Wetterling disappeared. Might you have been there that night? yes - Could not talk due to leaving for work - re contact AM Saturday between 9 and 12 AM

Do you remember when you arrived or left?

Do you remember who you may have sat with?

How might we contact them?

Do you remember anyone else who may have been there?

Did you or anyone that you can remember take photos or video?

Do you remember anyone or anything from that night that may have been unusual.

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PATRON NAME

LEONARD HERBES
RR2 UPSALA
573 2917

DATE 6/8/90 2:35P

This is Jim Persons from the Friends of Jacob Office in St. Joseph. We are contacting as many people as possibly who may have been at the Del Win Polka Festival the evening that Jacob Wetterling disappeared. Might you have been there that night? yes

Do you remember when you arrived 7pM or left? 11pM

Do you remember who you may have sat with? WIFE and Nephew
Nephew is in Wisconsin now but will return

How might we contact them? MELVIN LIEBSCH (UPSALA)
(LIEBSCH)

Do you remember anyone else who may have been there? NO All STRANGE

Did you or anyone that you can remember take photos or video? NO

Do you remember anyone or anything from that night that may have been unusual. Nothing unusual

N/222

PATRON NAME

Eugene Ostendorf Sr
Holdingford
746-2923

DATE 6/8
4 Times Busy

This is Jim Persons from the Friends of Jacob Office in St. Joseph. We are contacting as many people as possibly who may have been at the Del Win Polka Festival the evening that Jacob Wetterling disappeared. Might you have been there that night? yes

Do you remember when you arrived 2pm or left? 7:30p

Do you remember who you may have sat with?

How might we contact them?

Do you remember anyone else who may have been there? Leander Vinick Holdingford and their Son

Did you or anyone that you can remember take photos or video? Photo

Do you remember anyone or anything from that night that may have been unusual.

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PATRON NAME DATE 4/8/90 3:58p

Johnny Helget spoke to LAUDANNE

New ULM
507-354-2579

This is Jim Persons from the Friends of Jacob Office in St. Joseph. We are contacting as many people as possibly who may have been at the Del Win Polka Festival the evening that Jacob Wetterling disappeared. Might you have been there that night? yes

Do you remember when you arrived or left?

Played in Band

Do you remember who you may have sat with?

How might we contact them?

Do you remember anyone else who may have been there?

Did you or anyone that you can remember take ~~photos or~~ video? 612-352-3145 Rainbow Lodge

Judy and Pete ~~[illegible]~~ PINSKI SAUK CENTER They have a resort. between 2+6 PM have a resort of their own

Do you remember anyone or anything from that night that may have been unusual.

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PATRON NAME

DATE 9/8/90 9:40

Eugene Ostendorf Jr
ALBANY
845-2855 MRS.
Spk w/ Tina Ostendorf

This is Jim Persons from the Friends of Jacob Office in St. Joseph. We are contacting as many people as possibly who may have been at the Del Win Polka Festival the evening that Jacob Wetterling disappeared. Might you have been there that night? yes

Do you remember when you arrived ~~[illegible]~~ unsure or left? 9:15pm husband
Played till 11pm

Do you remember who you may have sat with? ~~his~~ Mother + Father -

How might we contact them?

Do you remember anyone else who may have been there?

Did you or anyone that you can remember take photos or video? no

Do you remember anyone or anything from that night that may have been unusual.

Mother - guy was coming into a bar that looked like the Composite

Carol Wolosik

This persons mother saw a man who 'perfectly fit the composit sketch' apx 1½ months ago in a bar (Pos. The Blacksmith) in Hugo, Minn. Mrs. Wolosik's Friends own the bar + she goes there to help them out. The man had come in a few times + had been w/another man at least once. When the other man came in w/out the man who fit the composit, they casually questioned him about the mans name or where he lived, as they felt he may own cabin up in that area. The mans friend wouldn't give out any info + they found that odd. Mrs. Wolosik lives in St. Paul 612-644-3966 (she works 3 jobs + is hard to reach.) This source's mother phoned her daughter (source) who gave the 1-800# from the poster + also a police number + no one ever got back to her. Best to call her for the details 1st hand

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PATRON NAME DATE 6/8/90 4:10P

Judy + Pete Peninski (phonetic) Panitzke
Rainbow Lodge, Sauk Center
612-352-3145

This is Jim Persons from the Friends of Jacob Office in St. Joseph. We are contacting as many people as possibly who may have been at the Del Win Polka Festival the evening that Jacob Wetterling disappeared. Might you have been there that night? yes

Do you remember when you arrived or left?

Do you remember who you may have sat with?

How might we contact them?

Do you remember anyone else who may have been there?

Did you or anyone that you can remember take ~~pictures or~~ video? yes - Filmed Bands as a present for her Father (Johnny Helget) Tape is in her Father's Possession and has not been Viewed by Authorities.

Do you remember anyone or anything from that night that may have been unusual.

This tape was picked up by M. Greene + J. Wetterling on Sat 6/9/90 + duplicated for authorities on 6/9/90, picked up w/ copies on 6/10/90.

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PATRON NAME

Burt Veld Kamp

DATE 6/8/90 3:14P NA
9:20P ONLY SON AT dome

6/10/90 7:--P NA
7:P O.K.

Bertram
285-5375

This is Brian Monnesey from the Friends of Jacob Office in St. Joseph. We are contacting as many people as possibly who may have been at the Del Win Polka Festival the evening that Jacob Wetterling disappeared. Might you have been there that night? Yes.

Do you remember when you arrived after noon or left? 6 - 6:30pm

Do you remember who you may have sat with? Vernon Jacobs 256 4981
Ed Jacobs
Herbe ~~Fools~~ Mills 987-3150 Greenwald.
How might we contact them?

Do you remember anyone else who may have been there?

Did you or anyone that you can remember take photos or video? No

Do you remember anyone or anything from that night that may have been unusual.

west end other side of Dance floor.

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PATRON NAME

Pearl Hill

356-7899

DATE 6/8/90 9:00P

This is Jim Persons from the Friends of Jacob Office in St. Joseph. We are contacting as many people as possibly who may have been at the Del Win Polka Festival the evening that Jacob Wetterling disappeared. Might you have been there that night? yes Worked as Ticket Taker

Do you remember when you arrived 6PM or left? between 9 & 9:30

Do you remember who you may have sat with? Stranger To Area + Recognized Noone

How might we contact them?

Do you remember anyone else who may have been there?

Did you or anyone that you can remember take photos or video? Possible - it happens a lot" but cannot seperate that night

Do you remember anyone or anything from that night that may have been unusual. Funny feeling about farmhouse + barn when leaving. Does not recall if lights were on in farmhouse. (Farmhouse between Del Win and Tom Thumb) "Emits feeling of evil" She stated that no large vehicles were at Tom Thumb as she passed on the way home. I also asked if she saw the boys, or bikes on the path they took or a flashlight indicating their pressence - Nothing. She will continue to try to remember and will call. Suggested calling Ed + Deloris Mueller (owners of Del Win)

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PATRON NAME

ALLEN WARZECHA
RT1 HOLDINGFORD
746 2102 TALKED TO MRS

DATE 6/8/90 2:24 NA
6/8/90 5:09

This is Jim Persons from the Friends of Jacob Office in St. Joseph. We are contacting as many people as possibly who may have been at the Del Win Polka Festival the evening that Jacob Wetterling disappeared. Might you have been there that night? No

Do y MARILYN: You wanted to know
about a man named Schafer about
Do y 40 years old. The Photographer is
Cliff - he is said to be that age.
How The Avon Convience store incident
Do y may began with this sheet - Newspaper
articles are available from someone
Did here. Jim video?

Do you remember anyone or anything from that night that may have been unusual.

~~Manager~~ Maciejewski can GIVE NAME OF AVON CONVIENCE STORE OWNERS THAT ALSO SAW STRANGE MAN. Gerald LeWerenz LIVES IN LAKE Ripley MAY KNOWN A "SCHAFER" From LitchField 693 6716. TALKED TO MRS LeWerenz AT 5:40. She GAVE ME 3 NAMES IN LitchField THAT ARE SCHAFER (Spelling?). CLIFF J SCHAFER 231 N Sibley 693 2348 WORK + 725 N Sibley 693-3823 — CRAIG + DEBRA SCHAFER 693 3132 AND JP SCHAFER 693-3310

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PEOPLE CONTACTED DURING THE DEL WIN PROJECT WHO WERE NOT PRESENT ON 10/22/89.

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KASM PSA

Clarence Schafer
32961 154th Ave
Rt, Avon
356-7238 *

6/5/90

Not at the Del Win that night.

Mr. S. says that he is foreman at the rest stop by Avon + wks 2 nights a week. About a week after Jacob. disap. he was at the bldg. sweeping when a young man came in w/ another person who he kept on his far side. The other person went in the ladies room + he was going to go in too when Mr. S. stopped him + said, 'you can't go in there'. The man said, 'I go in the bathroom at home' + Mr. S. said, 'well, you're not at home'. He came in a car but it had pulled up all the way to where you enter traffic + when the man + other person exited the bldg. it backed up + picked them up then it backed up to where you enter the rest area. Mr S was determined to get the plate # + stood by the road side + when the car went by the driver put his brake lights on so he couldn't get the #. Mr. S. describes the young man as 20-24 yrs. old 155 lbs 5' 11" w/ sandy blond hair + slim build w/ light complexion.

* Mr. S. said to call him at work not at home as his wife sleeps.

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Del Win

5/30/90

Harold & Ethyl Roth
New Ulm, Minn.
507-359-7236

I spoke w/ Mr. Roth who felt that he & his wife were not at the Del Win that night. They did go to a Coronation but he doesn't think he went to the event sponsored by the CASM Radio station.

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Del Win

5/30/90

Esther Krofke
685-4173

Not there that night

N/233

Del Win

5/29/90

Robert Weirauch
St. Cloud
259-7835

Mr. Weirauch states that he wasn't at the Del Win the night in question

Christine Weber

Ms. Weber was at Mr. Weirauchs' at the time of my call. She also states that they were not at the Del Win but at a fish fry in St. Cloud.

Del Win

5/30/90

Al Midas (Alois)
253 - 5186

Although Mr. Midas says he is a regular at the Del Win on Sundays, he was not there on 10/22/89.

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Del Win

5/29/90

Jim Peirskalla
36025 Co Rd 155 Avon
356-7264

I spoke with their adult daughter who said "no, they weren't there - they don't do that any more - I wasn't there either, I was home recooperating from surgery".

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Del Win

5/31/90

Vi Miller
251-7743

Mrs. Miller is reported to be a widow. She doesn't remember being at the Del-Win on the night in question. She says that she goes sometimes during the day but not at night

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PATRON NAME DATE 6/8/90 3:10p

RAY PHillipi

Brooklyn Center
566-5559

This is Jim Persons from the Friends of Jacob Office in St. Joseph. We are contacting as many people as possibly who may have been at the Del Win Polka Festival the evening that Jacob Wetterling disappeared. Might you have been there that night? No. Was working that evening

Do you remember when you arrived or left?

Do you remember who you may have sat with?

How might we contact them?

Do you remember anyone else who may have been there?

Did you or anyone that you can remember take photos or video?

Do you remember anyone or anything from that night that may have been unusual.

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PATRON NAME

RAYMOND J. BARTHEL
Holding Ford
573 2813

DATE 6/8/90 2:31p
MR

This is JP from the Friends of Jacob Office in St. Joseph. We are contacting as many people as possibly who may have been at the Del Win Polka Festival the evening that Jacob Wetterling disappeared. Might you have been there that night?

"No I don't think I was"

Do you remember when you arrived or left?

Do you remember who you may have sat with?

How might we contact them?

Do you remember anyone else who may have been there?

Did you or anyone that you can remember take photos or video?

Do you remember anyone or anything from that night that may have been unusual.

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PATRON NAME

RAYMOND BARTHEL
RR1 SWANVILLE
573-2338

DATE 6/8/90 2:28p
MPS

This is Jim Pearson from the Friends of Jacob Office in St. Joseph. We are contacting as many people as possibly who may have been at the Del Win Polka Festival the evening that Jacob Wetterling disappeared. Might you have been there that night? No - There were 2 Ray Barthels This one was not at the Del Win

Do you remember when you arrived or left?

Do you remember who you may have sat with?

How might we contact them?

Do you remember anyone else who may have been there?

Did you or anyone that you can remember take photos or video?

Do you remember anyone or anything from that night that may have been unusual.

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LICENSE PLATE NUMBERS TAKEN FROM CARS AT THE DEL WIN ON SUNDAY EVENINGS (OLD TIME POLKA MUSIC NIGHTS).

ALL PLATES ARE MINNESOTA UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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Plates recorded by
Mary Ann Kittridge
497-3916

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070 APY Aerostar
MEN 695 593 ECT Mercury
NVB 452
023 EEC Ford Pickup
RV 78168
814 APT Ply.
928 AIG Olds
068 AOC Chevy
028 BGS red
MUS 470 Iowa red
173 EFN
276 DEA
NEJ 432 Mercury
224 BOT Pontiac ~~Cadillac~~
DYD 455 Buick - Florida
613 DEB Ford
052 AJB
429 AHB
South Dakota 5BC 220

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6-10-90 Delwin Plates
taken by Terry Wetterling

270-019
517-DEB
714 ADD
928 AIG
975 AIG
074 CKP
LMN 938
RFG 287
895 AAA
980 CAO
PGR 177
PFG 277
496 CUX
NOK 924
NVB 452
313 CKC
023 EEC
943 CUW
078 DJP
276 DEA
NXY 342
MME 798
48U AIF
089 CPU
917 EUX
857 BOP
981 CKH
891 AER
NKG 908
068 AOC
619 DEB
998 DEL

892 EVA
PNC 197
151 DZA
550 DEN
507 DEL
MIL 738
NJF 009
PGR 619
880 DEN
619 DEB
RGU 641
860 BFV
PAU 785
MUS 470 IOWA
LDJ 657 (BAND "CUMBRA PILXOTTOS"

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587-AEB
714-ADD
928-AIG
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363-CYD
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070-DSP
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MME-798
480-AIF
083-CPU
017-EUX
857-BOP

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NKG-908
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MUS-470 Iowa
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FROM: INVESTIGATOR LARRY PEART

REF: JACOB WETTERLING

DATE: JANUARY 31, 1996

PERSONNEL INVOLVED: INVESTIGATOR LARRY PEART
INVESTIGATOR DENNIS SIGAFOOS

On Monday, January 30, 1996, Investigators Peart & Sigafoos traveled to the Stearns County Sheriff's Department and met with Chief Deputy Doug Pierce and Detectives Chuck Olson, Dave Noner, John Bechtler, and Ralph Sanzer, Sheriff James Kostreba, and BCA Agent Rick Lowan concerning information obtained on the Jacob Wetterling matter to date. Investigator Peart also advised the detectives that he had a telephone conference with Dr. Clinton VanZant, a Linguistics & Behavioral Science Specialist who was now retired from a behavioral science unit of a governmental investigative agency and now in private practice. Investigator Peart related that he had provided Dr. VanZant with a background of the Jacob Wetterling kidnapping as well as possible pedophile and/or child pornography ring which the subject Dennis Schiels may have either been involved in or has knowledge of. Investigator Peart further advised Dr. VanZant that the personality description and emotional state that he was going to provide him with relative to the subject Dennis Schiels was gleaned from persons who had intimate knowledge of the subject and also disclosures that the subject had made to them to these individuals but he, Peart, himself had never met the subject, and with that qualification, Investigator Peart provided Dr. VanZant with the following information. The subject Dennis Schiels, at the time of the abduction of October 22, 1989, was known to be living with his parents at 29600 County Road 121, which is a residence that is located approximately 1/4 mile across an open field from the Jacob Wetterling parents' residence and approximately ½ mile from the abduction site. Dr. VanZant was also informed that the subject Dennis Schiels had heretofore been unknown to the police agencies as a possible suspect because at the time of the abduction, he was not known to be a gay person, having come out of the closet at a 4th of July, 1993 or '94, family picnic. He was further described by the informants as a loner who had no social skills nor did he go out or frequently associate with anyone other than his older brother John, who he now owns a house with and resides with, still within the city of St. Joseph, MN. It was further advised that the subject would go out at night by himself or with his brother and they would stay out very late hours and that it was suggested by one of the informants that he was probably out window peeking or looking around. The informant also knew that this individual frequented a monastery near St. John's, and, also, that, from information from a deputy who knows the subject,

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may have been a frequent visitor to St. Benedict's College in St. Joseph and was presently, or had been at that time at any rate, barred from coming on the campus. The deputy, however, did not know the reasons why. Dr. VanZant was further advised that the subject often incorporates restraints in his sexual acts and desires to be punished. He wants to be chased, caught, subdued, and raped during his sexual activities. At the time of the abduction, he would have been 25 or 26 years of age. He further verbally expresses dislike for children. He has an extremely volatile temper when angered by someone. He will break items of his own property which are of value or mean something to him but does not damage the other person's property. The subject has very, very low self esteem, and he will not look at people directly; rather, he will walk around with his head down, and he will try to avoid, at all cost, eye contact. At the time of the abduction, it was one of the informants' understanding that the subject was either employed at a menial job as either possibly a warehouse stacker for Big Bear, or he worked part time delivering pizzas or may even have been unemployed at the time of the abduction. The subject had a car, and the subject also had access to a station wagon and other utility vehicles, including a truck owned by an older brother. The subject has expressed to one of the informants that he does not like any organization or civic function and will not participate in any; further, he dislikes and shows distaste who is successful or holds a position of prominence or authority. Subject's parents are both still alive, and his father is extremely passive. The subject has eight other siblings, four of which are male and four of which are female, one of the older brothers being openly gay, and he has an extremely domineering mother. The subject also has allegedly told the male informant that he fantasizes about having sex with his father, who he finds very attractive, and is very passive, and he also has a fixation and preference for large testicles. The subject also gets very shook up around persons with possible psychic powers. Subject has shown and stated to the male informant that he knew right where the abduction took place and took the informant to that location and described to him where he alleges they parked the truck, which is kind of a driveway or service road to some old buildings in a wooded area. He further described where the bicycles were at and where the boys were lined up by the abductor . They also took the male informant to the Wetterling residence and showed him that. He was also further advised that while viewing a videotape with the male informant, which depicted an abused child with cigarette burns on his arms, the subject asked what that was and that portion of the tape was replayed for him by the informant and stated to him, "Those are cigarettes burns. His father abused him that way", and the informant alleges that he went on to say, "I sure hope they didn't do that to Jacob", at which time, the subject said, "No, I know they didn't do that. They wouldn't do it", and then he became somewhat agitated and walked out of the room. The subject also, during an interview with the female informant, admitted that he was very troubled, that he wondered if he could have done something one night and blocked it out or if he could have had a black out. He also stated to this informant, "I don't think I could have killed someone", "If I'd been punished when I was younger, maybe I wouldn't have done such a bad thing", and "Sometimes I see things on TV that trigger this memory but only bits and pieces". At the time of that disclosure, the informant states that Unsolved Mysteries TV show was on and the subject stated, "Something like that" pointing to the TV, and this segment was about an abduction. Subject also stated to the female informant, "Could I have knowledge of something that happened, but I wasn't really involved?", and then, also, he made the inquiry as to if he were hypnotized, could that help him to see if he did this bad thing. Dr. VanZant was also informed that before the subject came out of the closet, he had demonstrated violent homophobia by verbally, and sometimes physically, going after his openly gay brother, Brian. The officers were also informed of Dr. VanZant's opinion that this person was a classic textbook case and is extremely

important in this type of investigation and should be interviewed as soon as possible, and that he was showing a tendency of trying to rid himself of his guilt, whatever the problem was that was bothering him. It was Dr. VanZant's opinion that the best way to approach this individual would be to not directly confront him with the primary focus of the investigation, that being the Wetterling abduction; rather, get him in for an interview on another pretext, and he felt that if this individual had knowledge in Wisconsin of either kiddie porn or a pedophile situation over there, that would create the perfect pretext; however, it should be kept initially very broad and wide in scope, and the individual should be intimidated by the interviewer with knowledge relative to facts that they knew about him in the Wisconsin location such as the license number of his car, the type of car he was driving, and when he was there, and then he felt that the subject would not feel he could reject this line of questioning; rather, he would be intimidated by it. Dr. VanZant further stated that having knowledge of his one lover living in the Minneapolis area during the week that the investigation or inquiry should be brought into the Minneapolis area and what this individual knows about any pedophile or child pornography rings working down in that area and that gradually bringing it back and narrowing it to the St. Joseph area, primarily working the pedophile and child porn angle before direct confrontation regarding Jacob Wetterling's abduction. Dr. VanZant felt that this type of approach could very probably establish the rapport that would be needed for this person to finally be overwhelmed and open up. Dr. VanZant also suggested that the interviewer may not want to go for the throat during the initial interview, just get the rapport established and then hit him harder in a subsequent interview or interviews.

After conveying this information to the officers, Investigator Sigafoos then outlined to them what he and Investigator Peart felt would be the safest approach to getting Schiels into the S.O. and that being to confront him as he got off work and ask him to come to the S.O. as there were some questions that needed to be answered about his car and that the CI would probably be with him at that time, and, because he was, he could be brought in as well and Schiels would not know what it was all about. Once he was brought in, he could then be informed that a telephone call had been received by Private Investigator Peart from Wisconsin and that his car license number and he personally had been identified as having been there, etc. This, it was felt, would protect the confidentiality and anonymity of our sources who had made it clear they did not want their identities disclosed until such time as Schiels would be arrested for the crime if he committed it, and it would also allow law enforcement to still have a conduit to Schiels in the event he initially denied any knowledge, because the only place he would then be able to go back to was to the two informants as they were, in reality, his only two friends. Sheriff investigators, however, felt they should wait a couple of days before picking Schiels up as they felt that would provide better confidentiality and protect the informants. Sigafoos advised them that he would be returning to New Mexico at that time, and it would then prohibit Investigator Peart from having his knowledge available to him relative to the crime should other information surface from the informants. After a lengthy discussion was held, a conclusion as to when Schiels should be confronted could not be resolved, and Investigators Peart & Sigafoos then departed the Sheriff's Department.

After departing the Sheriff's Department, Investigator Sigafoos then made telephonic contact with Stearns County Assistant Prosecutor, Mary Yonkers, and advised her of the situation and that he would make sure that all the information was forwarded to her or Chief Deputy Doug Pierce as soon as possible.

After terminating his initial conversation with Ms. Yonkers, Investigators Sigafoos and Peart then met with the informants, and, at that time, took taped statements from them regarding their knowledge of the subject Dennis Schiels and what he has said and things he had done, and these statements outlining the informants' conditions of giving them a total anonymity unless and until Dennis Schiels was arrested.

After concluding the interviews with and obtaining the statements from the informants, Investigator Sigafoos again recontracted Ms. Yonkers and advised her that the statements would be included as a part of the report package to her or to Chief Deputy Doug Pierce and again stressed the conditions of anonymity and confidentiality that had been promised these informants by Investigators Peart & Sigafoos, as well as transcribed and read into and made part of the statements.

Investigator Larry Peart

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FROM: INVESTIGATOR DENNIS SIGAFOOS

REF: JACOB WETTERLING ABDUCTION

DATE: JANUARY 31, 1996

WITNESS: **Bruce Peter Bechtold**, Deputy Sheriff for Stearns County

PERSONNEL INVOLVED: Private Investigator Larry Peart
Private Investigator Dennis Sigafoos

On January 26, 1996, at approximately 1 p.m., Bruce Bechtold was interviewed at the Stearns County Law Enforcement Center by Investigator Peart & Investigator Sigafoos. Prior to this interview, Stearns County Chief Deputy, Douglas Pierce, had granted Investigator Peart & Investigator Sigafoos permission to interview Deputy Bechtold.

Deputy Bechtold stated that he has worked for the Stearns County Sheriff's Department for approximately nine years, spending two years as a jailer and seven years as a uniformed patrol officer. Bechtold indicated that he is acquainted with Dennis Schiels and had attended school with Schiels. Bechtold states that he did not pal around with Dennis Schiels but that his family would take Brian Schiels with them on family outings. Deputy Bechtold indicated that when he was younger, he spent considerable time with Brian Schiels. Bechtold stated that upon learning that Brian Schiels was gay, he had quit spending with him.

Deputy Bechtold first learned that Dennis Schiels was gay approximately two years ago when Dennis Schiels had informed members of his family that he was gay. Prior to that, Deputy Bechtold indicated that, to his knowledge, no one was aware that Dennis Schiels was gay. Deputy Bechtold later learned that Dennis Schiels was "keeping", as he put it, an older man at the Holiday Inn. Deputy Bechtold indicated that Dennis is a loner with no social skills. He indicated that Dennis's only friend that he was aware of would have been his brother John as the two were always together. Dennis and John Schiels spent a lot of time up at St. John, and Bechtold indicated that he believes they may have been banned from St. Ben's by security police for reasons unknown to him.

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Deputy Bechtold states that on the morning after the abduction of Jacob Wetterling, Dennis and John Schiels approached him in the area of the Command Post, which was located near the Delwin Ballroom in St. Joseph, MN. The brothers wanted to help in the search for Jacob Wetterling. Deputy Bechtold stated that his was out of character for Dennis and John Schiels.

Deputy Bechtold asked if Dennis Schiels was a suspect, indicating that Detective Dave Noner (sp?) had talked to him several days ago about Dennis Schiels.

Investigator Dennis Sigafoos

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FROM: CHIEF INVESTIGATOR LARRY PEART

REF: JACOB WETTERLING FILE

DATE: JANUARY 16, 1996

On January 15, 1996, I attended a meeting in St. Joseph, MN, with Patty Wetterling, Robyn Bartsh, and a friend of hers and the informant known at this time as is the ex-lover of a probable suspect in the abduction of Jacob Wetterling on October 22, 1989. This suspect's name is **Dennis Scheils.** The purpose of this meeting was to obtain from background information regarding his contention that Mr. Scheils may have either 1) been the abductor of Jacob Wetterling; 2) may have had knowledge of who abducted Jacob Wetterling, or 3) assisted in the abduction of Jacob Wetterling.

appears to be approximately 55 years of age, very thin build, mustache, short-cut hair. He has previously been married and is father of four children, two of which died while he lived at Eau Claire, WI. The exact time is unknown. He presently has a son living in St. Cloud, MN, and he has a 12-year old daughter who is residing with her mother, most probably in the Eau Claire, WI, area.

According to he met the suspect, Dennis Scheils, while visiting in the St.Cloud area approximately 2 ½ years ago and has since that time become lovers with Mr. Scheils, and they reside now at Dennis Scheils' home which Dennis shares with a brother, John Scheils. went on to state that Scheils is from a family of nine kids, of which five are male and four are female. One other brother is also gay. also suspects that one of the sisters may also be gay, although he has not been told this by any family member. also stated that Dennis Scheils' brother, John, jointly owns the house in which now resides with Dennis, and John, while a bachelor, is not gay.

There has been incidents that alleges that Dennis Scheils has made reference to the abduction of Jacob Wetterling, and these were provided him as follows: states that on a visit to a convenience store with Scheils, he observed a poster of Jacob Wetterling decrying that he was missing from St. Joseph. At that time, he mentioned this to Dennis, and Dennis offered to take him to the location where Jacob had allegedly been abducted from. Upon arrival at the location, Scheils at that time told him that, in pointing to (which, he believes, would have been to the south) the truck was parked up there and the bikes were left here, which is truly a unique statement to make as he addressed the knowledge of what actually transpired at that abduction. He also advised that he knew Jacob and his brother and the other young man, and he also informed that when

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the abductors accosted Jacob, his brother, and their friend, he had the boys line up,
Jacob, and, at that time, he told them he would have to stay, and the other two were to immediately go home, or as he put it, "get lost", and the boys took off running. further stated that on another occasion they were watching a video tape movie and there was a young boy on it that had marks on his arm, and Dennis Scheils made the statement, "What is that?", and stated that he told him, "Just a minute. I'll show you", and he reversed the film and then played it through slowly and told him, "Those marks on that boy's arms are cigarette burns", and stated to him, "I hope they didn't do something like that to Jacob", at which time, Scheils responded with, "No, they didn't", and he walked out of the room. also states that Mr. Scheils was a very abused child, apparently, in growing up, and that all nine family members lived in the basement in a house. The upper floors had not been completed and that whenever Scheils gets upset or is in a down mode, he immediately goes to the basement and sits on the floor in the corner or he will also take a stool and set in the corner of the room and then face the wall and not say anything to anybody.

In describing Dennis Scheils' sexual preference, states that Dennis is into bondage and discipline. He further described some of the equipment used by Scheils are very large dildos and vibrators. He has numerous pairs and styles of handcuffs. He also indicated he may have handcuffs and leather restraints, hanging straps, etc. states that his Scheils' preference for punishment is paddles and that he gets very excited, and while engaged in these acts, he pleads, "I'll be good, Daddy, I'll be good. I promise I'll be good, Daddy", and he is also in a state of high arousal.

also alluded that Mr. Scheils makes numerous trips to Duluth, and he has accompanied him to that area, and, while in that area, he has been informed at this one particular bath house, that for $300-400, anyone can get anything shipped via one of the ships to Europe and that if he, himself, wanted to go, he would have to pay that amount of money (between $300-400) and agree to perform tasks on the boat relative to such things as cooking, swabbing decks, etc., to pay for a portion of his passage. There is no passport required and no questions asked. was also told that he could bring anything with him that he wanted with the inference being on children or young boys.
also alleges that this particular group in Duluth are very much into the pedophile mode and also into very severe bondage and discipline acts. He provided the name of **Richard Rangstad** of 2227 154th Street, Miltown, WI, 54858, no known telephone number, who is into kiddie porn, and he also alleges that another individual that is involved in this activity is a man by the name of **Erling Voss,** nickname "Toy Man" and, also, alludes to another individual he knows only by "Crazy Eddy". These are both very gay individuals who participate in this extreme sexual deviant behavior. It should be noted that Mr. Scheils is now going with another man by the name of **Les Cosgrove**, who also has connections in Miltown, WI. Mr. Cosgrove also lives or has a place in the Lake Calhoun area in Minneapolis. Cosgrove is an older man, which, according to is Dennis Scheils' preference, that he is really into older men, and this Cosgrove has apparently ample amounts of money and is continually buying Mr. Scheils different gifts, taking him out to expensive restaurants, etc. Another interesting thing is that Mr. Cosgrove refuses to come to the St. Joseph area. Even though he has been invited, he refuses. He is also very wary whenever the town of St. Joseph is mentioned. He will immediately leave the room or walk away. One thing that could not verify is if Scheils knew Cosgrove back in 1989 or around the time of the abduction of Jacob. Cosgrove has also threatened both subtly and overtly

also stated that very recently he took an exploratory trip to Duluth to that bath house for the purpose of determining what Dennis Scheils was involved in up there, and, while at that bath house, he was asking some rather vague questions; however, he was accosted by another individual in the bath house whom he believed to be a cop who took him by the arm and pulled him into a room and told him he was asking too many questions and that if he knew what was good for him, he wouldn't be asking questions or talking about any of these activities. also alleges that Richard Ragstad is a pedophile of the extreme degree and has in the trunk of his car a large locked box which suspects contains a lot of photographs and other child pornography items.

alleges that Scheils vehemently hates children or at least professes that and at the time of Jacob's abduction, he would have been approximately 26 years old. The description as provided by Patty Wetterling was that she was told the abductor was approximately 5' 6", which is Mr. Scheils' height; however, the boys alleged or alluded to the fact that the person that took Jacob had a very raspy voice like he smoked a lot. This could have been a disguise on the part of the abductor, however, as he would most probably have known the children or they would have known him. It was also determined during this meeting that Mr. Scheils' residence approximately a quarter of a mile away, directly north across a field from the point of abduction. Patty Wetterling didn't think that police were checking any young gays, even though had not given Patty a description of or the name of Mr. Scheils; in fact, this information he withheld from her, and, at one time during the interview, broke down and professed an absolute fear of what could happen to him having disclosed even as much to her as what he had. However, he, personally, was willing to take the risk because he didn't care if they came after him as much as he was fearful of what they might do to his daughter. It is contention that these are very evil, perverted men and that they are definitely involved in pedophile and are into the extreme sadistic, perverted sexual acts and that they very possibly have access to children, and, in fact, could have abducted children previously. alleges that there were two black brothers up in Duluth, whose mother was a prostitute, and the one left home and was gone a couple of days and then made a telephone call to his other brother informing him that he had found a way to make a lot of money and that his brother should meet him. alleges that after that phone call, the other brother left to meet his brother, and neither has ever been seen or heard from since. At this point in the meeting, Investigator Peart informed Patty Wetterling that if, in fact, what and were alleging was true relative to abduction information, that I would need to verify it, if at all possible. Patty was asked if she remembered retired BCA agent Denny Sigafoos, and, if she did, how did she feel about him. Patty responded she did remember him and thought he worked hard on the investigation, and she liked him. Investigator Peart advised her that he was glad she felt that way because in order to verify what we had been told, Sigafoos would becalled, and the information run by him, and, if he felt it was accurate, perhaps he could be asked by Peart to come up from New Mexico to meet with the informants and also provide knowledge as to whom in the Stearns County Sheriff's Office would be the person to convey the information to as Investigator Peart had not worked with any of these investigators in the past; therefore, they would not have a basis for determing his creditability or proficiency. Also, due to the informants' demand for confidentiality, I wouldn't convey something to an investigator unfamiliar with Jacob's case. Patty agreed but advised she wished to talk to Sigafoos first before he came up because she did not want to lose the foundation's relationship it enjoyed with the Stearns County Sheriff's Department.

also alleges that Mr. Scheils is very alarmed by anyone who has or who he believes to have psychic powers; in fact, a friend of who is married and living in the St. Cloud area, informed Mr. Scheils that she felt he had an aura around him, and Scheils immediately left the barbecue that they were attending. also alleges, and this was supported by who was also at the meeting, that anytime is around Scheils, he becomes very withdrawn and attempts at all times to stay well away from her, and, if there is any mention of auras or psychic powers, he immediately leaves. also, at that same barbecue, stated that she, in looking across to a field which was right behind the house, had a very auristic type feeling about that field, and Scheils again got very scared and left. has supplied me with photographs of Mr. Scheils, and these photographs were provided after Patty Wetterling had left the meeting. After her departure,

became very open and candid in his assessment of the situation and truly feels that if Scheils was not involved, he has very probable knowledge of what did transpire on the night of October 22, 1989, involving Jacob Wetterling. I purposely asked why I should believe him and if his anger or his coming forth at this time was because he was a jilted lover of Scheils', and he stated that, yes, it was true, he was jilted as Scheils had left him for this other older man, and he was very hurt and angry by this; however, all the things that Scheils had told him and his conduct and his sexual preferences and his association with this pedophile group in Wisconsin leads him to believe very deeply that there is something here that needs to be checked out. is also requesting complete confidentiality and anonymity in this matter, and should something manifest itself that he be given sufficient time to find somewhere else to be or to live, because, at the present time, his only source of shelter is with John and Dennis.

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FROM: INVESTIGATOR DENNIS SIGAFOOS

REF: JACOB WETTERLING ABDUCTION

DATE: JANUARY 31, 1996

PERSONNEL INVOLVED: Dennis A. Sigafoos

On January 22, 1996, Dennis Sigafoos telephonically contacted Larry Peart of Peart & Associates, Inc. of Willmar, MN. Dennis Sigafoos placed this phone call after having had received a prior message indicating Investigator Peart desired to talk with Sigafoos.

On January 22, 1996, Dennis Sigafoos was telephonically contacted at his residence by Investigator Larry Peart of Peart & Associates of Willmar, MN. Investigator Peart advised Sigafoos that he had possible information concerning the Jacob Wetterling abduction and briefed Sigafoos concerning this information. Investigator Peart advised that the people providing this information to him had requested total anonymity and would absolutely not talk to law enforcement. Investigator Peart requested that Special Agent Sigafoos possibly travel to Minnesota to assist him in the interviewing of these individuals and determine their credibility. He further indicated that he understood that Sigafoos had knowledge of the Wetterling case from prior employment and also was friends with many of the investigators on the Stearns County Sheriff's Department. Dennis Sigafoos advised Investigator Peart that he would like to contact Chief Deputy Douglas Pierce of the Stearns County Sheriff's Department to determine if they had, at any time, investigated the suspect, Dennis Schiels. Investigator Peart indicated that he was willing to cooperate in any way with the Stearns County Sheriff's Department and authorized Sigafoos to make the contact with Chief Deputy Douglas Pierce.

On January 22, 1996, at approximately 3:15 p.m., Dennis Sigafoos telephonically contacted Stearns County Sheriff James Kosteba concerning the information provided to Sigafoos by Investigator Peart. Stearns County Sheriff James Kosteba indicated that Chief Deputy Douglas Pierce would contact Sigafoos on January 23, 1996. Sigafoos had provided to the Stearns County Sheriff the information Sigafoos had received from Investigator Peart. This included the subject's name, which was Dennis Schiels.

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On January 23, 1996, Stearns County Chief Deputy Douglas Pierce telephonically contacted Sigafoos, and, at this time, Sigafoos advised Deputy Pierce of the information Sigafoos had received from Investigator Peart. Deputy Pierce indicated that, according to their records, at no time had Dennis Schiels been a suspect in the Jacob Wetterling investigation nor had, to his knowledge, Dennis Schiels phoned in any leads. Chief Deputy Pierce indicated that he would check further concerning Dennis Schiels and would also talk with his investigator to determine if they may have interviewed Dennis Schiels and eliminated him as a suspect in the Jacob Wetterling abduction. Deputy Pierce later re-contacted Special Agent Sigafoos and indicated that he believed Dennis Schiels may have been interviewed in reference to the Wetterling investigation. After discussing this with Sigafoos, and after Sigafoos re-contacted Investigator Peart, it was determined that Dennis Schiels was not the individual interviewed and eliminated as a suspect by Stearns County Sheriff's Department. Chief Deputy Pierce indicated at this time that they had received a phone-in tip shortly after the abduction of Jacob Wetterling coming from one of the Schiels' residents. The caller was vague and indicated that law enforcement should check out an individual with the name "Doggie". Pierce indicated that due to the vagueness of this lead, to his knowledge, this lead had not been followed up.

Dennis Sigafoos telephonically contacted Investigator Peart, and, at this time, Investigator Peart requested that Special Agent Sigafoos travel to Minnesota to assist him in interviewing the two people providing the information concerning the suspect Dennis Schiels. Investigator Peart stated that, according to his sources, Dennis Schiels was acting extremely strange at this time, and Investigator Peart and the people he was receiving information from believed that possibly Dennis Schiels was, in fact, involved in the abduction of Wetterling. Investigator Peart indicated that he would be retaining me as a private investigator for his firm for the duration of this investigation.

On January 24, 1996, Special Agent Sigafoos had a telephone conversation with Chief Deputy Doug Pierce concerning the Dennis Schiels lead. Deputy Pierce indicated that Stearns County Sheriff's Department would be willing to pay for the air fare but indicated that possibly Sigafoos should delay approximately two days so that they could gather further information concerning Dennis Schiels. Sigafoos advised Deputy Pierce that Patty Wetterling, through contacts with Northwest Airlines, had arranged for a very reasonable airplane fare and that the travel had been confirmed for later the afternoon of this date.

On January 24, 1996, Dennis Sigafoos arrived at the Mpls-St. Paul Airport and was met by Investigator Larry Peart.

Investigator Dennis Sigafoos

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DATE: JANUARY 31, 1996

On January 25, 1996, Investigator Peart & Investigator Sigafoos traveled to the Stearns County Sheriff's Department, and, at this location, met with Chief Deputy Douglas Pierce and other detectives from the Stearns County Sheriff's Department. At this time, Investigator Peart and Investigator Sigafoos briefed these individuals concerning all of the knowledge we had reference the Jacob Wetterling abduction and a suspect by the name of Dennis Schiels. Investigator Sigafoos informed Chief Deputy Pierce and the other investigators that on this date, Investigator Peart & Investigator Sigafoos would be meeting with the two confidential sources, and, at this time, would further evaluate their information and get back to the Stearns County Sheriff's Department.

On January 25, 1996, Investigator Peart & Investigator Sigafoos met with an individual identified as and another individual identified as at the Perkins Restaurant in St. Cloud, MN. and at this time, informed Investigator Sigafoos and Investigator Peart the details of what they knew concerning Dennis Schiels and the abduction of Jacob Wetterling. From Investigator Sigafoos's past knowledge of the Jacob Wetterling abduction, Investigator Sigafoos was able to determine that and may have credible information concerning this abduction. On this date, the individual known to Investigator Sigafoos as drew out a rough sketch depicting the Jacob Wetterling crime scene and further in detail advised Investigator Sigafoos and Investigator Peart of what the subject Dennis Schiels had told him concerning this abduction. This information seemed to be accurate, and it was Investigator Sigafoos's and Investigator Peart's judgement that both individuals were being truthful and honest and had significant information concerning Dennis Schiels.

All of the information provided by and on this date was later documented in a taped statement which was taken on January 29, 1996, by Investigator Sigafoos and Investigator Peart.

at this time, after having already provided information concerning the conversation she had with Dennis Schiels on January 24, 1996, indicated that she believed Dennis Schiels would be coming to her residence in the near future. At this time, was advised to listen to Dennis Schiels and try to determine if he had any specific information concerning the Jacob Wetterling abduction.

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On January 26, 1996, Investigator Sigafoos and Investigator Peart once again traveled to the Stearns County Sheriff's Department and advised Chief Douglas Pierce and other investigators of the information received from the individuals known as and At this time, the investigators were advised that the individual known as would possibly have contact with the subject Dennis Schiels on this evening. Investigator Peart & Investigator Sigafoos informed the members of the Stearns County investigative unit that we would be in contact with them on the morning of January 26, 1996, to provide them with further information concerning any conversations our confidential sources would have with Dennis Schiels on this date.

On January 26, 1996, Investigators Peart & Sigafoos met with the individuals known as and At this time, indicated that she had a two hour conversation with Dennis Schiels on the evening of January 25, 1996. was shook up and indicated that Dennis Schiels was extremely troubled and was indicating that he believed there was something bothering him and that he just could not recall all the details. Both and at this time, felt that Dennis Schiels was possibly involved in the Jacob Wetterling abduction. indicated that she believed Dennis Schiels would be attempting to contact her on this date, January 26, 1996, after he left his place employment, which was Vision Ease,

On January 26, 1996, in the early afternoon hours, Investigators Peart & Sigafoos once again went to the Stearns County Law Enforcement Center and met with detectives from that agency. While Investigator Peart was attempting to brief the investigators concerning all of the information we had learned up to date. During this meeting, Detective Chuck Olson indicated that if our confidential source by the name of was to have any further conversations with Dennis Schiels, he requested those conversations be recorded. Detective Chuck Olson provided us with the equipment to do so. Investigators Peart & Sigafoos advised Detective Olson that, if at all possible, we would try to have him present in the vehicle while these conversation were being tape recorded. Subsequent to this, Investigator Peart & Sigafoos provided with the necessary equipment to record the conversations she would have with Dennis Schiels. once again, requested that the information be kept strictly confidential and only used if Dennis Schiels was arrested for the Jacob Wetterling abduction. During this meeting, the individual known as indicated that if was to do this, he wanted to be present with Investigator Peart & Investigator Sigafoos in the vehicle while this conversation was taking place between Dennis Schiels and Investigator Sigafoos contacted Detective Chuck Olson and indicated that, due to the fact would be present in the vehicle and would not cooperate with law enforcement, we would not need his assistance on this evening.

On January 26, 1996, Investigators Peart & Sigafoos set up a surveillance on the residence of and, at this time, monitored the conversations from her residence. Dennis Schiels did not make contact with on this date, and we were later advised that he was reluctant to talk to her after having a two hour conversation with her on the prior evening. and felt that possibly in the future, Dennis Schiels would contact her to once again talk about her problems. Investigators Peart & Sigafoos then returned the taping equipment back to the Stearns County Sheriff's Department.

On January 28, 1996, telephonically contacted Investigator Sigafoos and indicated that Dennis Schiels had gone over to Wisconsin. She indicated that she and and received information prior to his departure that he may be quitting his employment on Monday, January 29, 1996, and suddenly moving to Wisconsin.

On January 28, 1996, Investigator Sigafoos contacted Rick Lowan (sp) of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Sigafoos briefed him of the status of this investigation and inquired of him if possibly David Knifelkamp (sp) could be standing by on that date if Stearns County agreed to have the suspect Dennis Schiels polygraphed. Investigator Sigafoos advised Lowan that Stearns County had not been contacted concerning this polygraph at this time but Investigator Sigafoos would be doing so on January 29, 1996. Investigator Sigafoos was later advised that polygraph examiner Dave Knifelkamp would be willing to provide that service to the Stearns County Sheriff's Department if they requested it.

On January 29, 1996, in the afternoon hours at approximately 3 p.m., Investigator Peart and Investigator Sigafoos met with Chief Deputy Doug Pierce and all the members of the investigative section. At this time, they were briefed concerning all of the information Investigators Peart & Sigafoos had concerning our conversation with the two confidential sources and all other information we had obtained concerning Dennis Schiels and the Jacob Wetterling abduction. Investigator Sigafoos indicated to the Stearns County investigators that to enable us to protect our two confidential sources, it would be helpful if Dennis Schiels could be picked up on this date and brought in for questioning reference his activities in Wisconsin and that, at that time, Stearns County investigators could work into the abduction of Jacob Wetterling. Investigators Peart & Sigafoos indicated that this would help protect the identity of our confidential sources and that the suspect Dennis Schiels would not have knowledge that they provided information to us. We further indicated that it would also enable these confidential sources to remain in contact with Dennis Schiels and provide further information concerning the abduction. Investigators Sigafoos & Peart further advised the Stearns County investigators that, to the best of our knowledge from our confidential sources, Dennis Schiels would be leaving Minnesota and moving to Wisconsin, in all likelihood, on this date or evening. Investigators Sigafoos & Peart further advised the Stearns County investigators when they brought up their concerns that possibly Dennis Schiels was not a suspect because he would have been working on the date of the abduction and they wanted to check further, they were informed that the abduction was on the Sunday evening and that Dennis Schiels, according to their own deputy, had not been working on Monday due to the fact that Dennis Schiels had volunteered to help in the search for Jacob Wetterling. At this point, they indicated they wanted to wait a couple days and possibly do an interview at that time. Investigators Sigafoos & Peart informed them we felt it would be better if they would possibly do their interview this night with Dennis Schiels as Investigator Sigafoos would be leaving on Wednesday, January 31, 1996, and Investigator Peart would, therefore, lose the services of Investigator Sigafoos in obtaining case background information.

Communications between the Stearns County detectives and Investigators Sigafoos & Peart broke down, and, subsequently, Investigator Sigafoos & Peart left the Law Enforcement Center.

On January 29, 1996, Investigator Sigafoos contacted Mary Yonkers (sp) Assistant County Attorney for the Stearns County Sheriff's office. Investigator Sigafoos briefed her concerning the ongoing

investigation concerning Dennis Schiels. Investigator Sigafoos told her that, unfortunately, communications had broken down between Investigator Sigafoos & Peart and the Stearns County Law Enforcement Center but it was our desire to make sure that all the information we had learned concerning Dennis Schiels and the Wetterling abduction was passed on to law enforcement. Investigator Sigafoos further related that the cooperation had broke down basically over trying to protect the identities and safety of our confidential sources. Investigator Sigafoos explained that they had been granted, through Larry Peart and Investigator Sigafoos, complete anonymity from law enforcement to provide this information. Mary Yonkers indicated that she would have a conversation with Doug Pierce and assure him that all of the information received by Investigators Sigafoos and Peart would be forwarded either to Doug Pierce or the Stearns County Attorney's office. Investigator Sigafoos further informed Mary Yonkers that Investigator Peart & Investigator Sigafoos had given our word to the confidential sources that their statements and information would not be turned over to law enforcement unless there was an arrest made on Dennis Schiels. The reason for this was they were fearful if Dennis Schiels were interviewed or questioned and this information used, it would positively identify them even though their names were not given. Investigator Sigafoos advised Mary Yonkers that it was important to Investigator Sigafoos and Investigator Peart that we keep our word to these two citizens. Mary Yonkers indicated that she was sorry that communications had broken down between friends, and she would pass this information on to Chief Deputy Doug Pierce.

On January 29, 1996, Investigator Peart & Investigator Sigafoos met with an individual by the name of and an individual by the name of At this time, Investigator Sigafoos obtained taped statements from each of the individuals and will be forwarding these to the Stearns County Sheriff's Department or the Stearns County Attorney's Office. (Refer to the transcripts of these statements for complete details.)

and have indicated to Investigator Peart & Investigator Sigafoos that they will continue to cooperate in this investigation, and if they learn any additional information from Dennis Schiels, they will immediately contact Investigator Peart or Investigator Sigafoos.

If Investigators Sigafoos and Peart, learn additional information from either of these sources, or any other sources, they will immediately contact the Stearns County Sheriff's Department or the Stearns County Attorney's office and provide this additional information.

Investigator Dennis A. Sigafoos

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FROM: CHIEF INVESTIGATOR LARRY PEART

REF: JACOB WETTERLING FILE

DATE: JANUARY 23, 1996

On January 16, 1996, I received a FAX from Robyn regarding names of pedophiles known to and associates of **Fred Miller**, one of her clients who is presently in jail in Morrison County, MN. Miller had previously told her he was at a friend's home in St. Joseph before the Wetterling kidnaping and had observed Jacob there playing with the friend's children. Robyn alleges she gave this information to Investigator Nower of the Stearns County Sheriff's Office, and Nower allegedly talked to this guy who Miller alleges he was visiting and that person denied knowing Miller at all and that's as far as that lead was taken.

Robyn alleges you would only have to be in Miller's presence 3-5 minutes before you'd realize his sexual preference, and there's no way this guy could not have known what Miller was, so why would he have him at his house. She further alleges that if this guy wasn't gay, then how would Miller know his name, etc. Miller has also told her about the Duluth connection, etc.

On January 18, 1996, I called Denny Sigafoos and gave him background on information regarding this lead in the Jacob Wetterling case. Denny agrees there could be something there. He can't afford to undertake the investigation on his own due to financial restraints and he is wondering if the Foundation could cover expenses and $25.00 per hour. I told him I'd contact Robyn & Patty.

On January 19, 1996, I called Robyn and got Patty on conference call. I explained to Patty about Denny's plight. I was told the foundation is for education only. Pay could come from her and Jerry but concerned it would effect her relationship with Stearns County. Wants to talk to Denny first before deciding. The impression that is left could be she is very concerned about foundation, credibility, etc., and then finding Jacob.

On January 20, 1996, received call from She explained was getting photographs of Richard and before Dennis returns and would mail them out to me. Wonders what I think of Patty & Jerry Wetterling. Explained to her we need to get to someone inside law enforcement who possesses information. We can't do it ourselves. States very fearful.

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On January 21, 1996, received call from Robyn wondering if I'd talked to Denny yet and he with Patty. Told her I hadn't but hoped to later this date. Gave me Roy Steven's phone number. Called Denny at 1-505-894-7960. No answer. Left message on machine. Called Robyn about what Roy Stevens knows. Said she told him all except names. Says she'll pull out if Stearns County brought in by Patty. Also stated said he'd go with her to wayside rest where closet and other gays meet so they can get plate numbers for us to run. Tried Stevens at 402-289-4401. No answer. Left message for return call.

On January 22, 1996, made telephone call to Denny. Informed him of Robyn's desire to back away but still had CI contact through etc. Also advised that they were sending photos at my suggestion, Cosgrove, and Richard, that CI had copies made of Schiel's photos. Denny advised that he left message with J.W. Foundation for Patty to call, etc. Denny also was going to call Pierce SSO Investigator) and see if Schiels is in computer, etc., and, if so, did they check him out, etc.

On January 23, 1996, Denny called back. Advised he talked to sheriff. Name not familiar. Checked plat book and confirmed subject resides 1/4-1/2 mile from scene. Sheriff was going to have Pierce call Denny on 1/24/96, as soon as he got in. Denny also had me call and confirm past name spelling, etc. advised spelling correct but couldn't talk as suspect was there. On January 24, 1996, received call from at residence. Returned her call. She advised reason she couldn't talk was that subject Denis Schiels was present at the time of my call. had brought im in at subject's request for "card" reading. advised subject admitted he was troubled and broke down crying. She didn't push anything or ask direct questions for fear of spooking him and/or CI. Requested that she contact CI and see if he could photograph subject's sex toys, restraints, etc. stated CI wanted to meet with me again soon, and I should ask him direct. Received call from Denny. Advised Sheriff's Office called him and no contact of subject was ever made. Unaware of him until now. Sheriff's Office very interested and more than wiling to cooperate with us. Information limited only to Pierce and Sheriff. Discussed getting Denny up here. Is checking on flight information and costs. Sheriff's Office wiling to help with expenses if they can. Wants me to contact Patty regarding foundation paying air fare. Will not accept from her and Jerry.

On January 24, 1996, called Jacob Wetterling Foundation. Patty not in. Left message with secretary for her to call me. On January 24, 1996, received call from Denny. Advised Pierce called and informed him that only information on computer on subject's address was called/received from there in October after abduction stating they should "talk to Doggie". Lead never followed up on. Denny advised he also check flights. Cheapest is $278.00 round trip for 7 days ahead. Very expensive, otherwise. Told him I'd call Foundation and waiting for call back from Patty.

Received another call from Denny. Advised Patty called him from yesterday's message, and she arranged for Denny to fly round trip from NW direct for $281.00 on 1/24/96. If Sheriff's's Office can't pay, Foundation will. Denny advised he'd be in Minneapolis at 5:30 on 1/24/96. Advised him I'd be there to pick him up.

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REF: JACOB WETTERLING FILE

DATE: JANUARY 24, 1996

PERSONNEL INVOLVED: INVESTIGATOR LARRY PEART
INVESTIGATOR DENNIS SIGAFOOS

On the evening of January 24, 1996, at approximately 9:30 p.m., Investigator Peart received a telephone call from the female informant who advised that Schiels had come over to her residence to pick up the male informant and had come into the home and talked with her. acknowledged that she was very shook up and excited about what he had told her, and, at this point, Investigator Peart asked her just for the highlights as we would be meeting the following day and she could be more detailed at that time, and, if it was, in fact, of interest that I would contact Investigator Sigafoos at the residence he was staying and convey the information to him, and he would, in turn, probably be calling her if he felt it was important and could not wait until the following day. According to after Schiels had arrived at the residence, they began discussing the things that were apparently bothering him, and, at that point, Schiels admitted he had seen kiddie porn in Wisconsin the past weekend, and what he saw really troubled him. Another thing of interest was that he stated when he was asked what troubled him, he could not recall, but then he broke down and cried. further alleged that it was both her and the informant, belief that Schiels was trying to unload his guilt and yet they weren't quite able to bring it out because she didn't confront him directly as she was scared at the time. She firmly believes that he is ready or just about ready to tell her what's bothering him so deeply. Investigator Peart then provided with Denny Sigafoos's number and requested that she call him and advise him what she had just conveyed to me, and she stated, she would. Approximately one half hour after speaking with Investigator Peart made telephonic contact with Sigafoos and, at that time, Sigafoos indicated that he felt that was getting very close to this individual and had established rapport and very possibly, if she could speak with him again, she could obtain the information from him that we need, however, as she did not ask the question that she needed to relative to his knowledge of the Wetterling abduction, and he had further told her that we would meeting with them tomorrow to go over in detail everything that they learned from this interview.

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INVESTIGATOR DENNIS SIGAFOOS

During the evening hours of January 25, 1996, Investigator Larry Peart received a telephone call from the female informant, stating that she and the male informant, had met with the subject, Dennis Schiels, at her residence. The female informant was very nervous and professed that she had never quite encountered anything like they had witnessed or heard from Schiels after he had come in and met with her. According to the female informant, Schiels admitted he was carrying a very heavy load and he agreed that a very bad event had occurred. He also agreed that, at times, he didn't feel like Dennis, but he felt very aggressive, wanting to hurt someone. Schiels also allegedly stated that he didn't think he could ever kill anyone. According to the informant, Schiels also stated that he was wondering if he knew something which was bothering him, but, "What if I wasn't really involved", or "Maybe I've had blackouts", or "Maybe I blocked it out". Schiels also alleged that, "Maybe if I had been disciplined when I was growing up, maybe I wouldn't have done such a bad thing". Schiels was also have alleged to have said, "Sometimes I see something that will trigger my guilt", and when asked what he meant by that, he stated that he remembered bits and pieces sometimes or if he was watching something or seeing something, it might trigger this, and, at that time, he pointed at the TV and said, "Something like that", and that the TV program was Unsolved Mysteries, and it was about an abduction. The female informant also stated that the male informant told Schiels that he was going to run and get some pop for them to take home while he talked to the female informant, but Schiels was insistent that he didn't want the male informant to leave at that time. He also allegedly stated, "Maybe I went out one night and did something that I blocked out", and when the female informant asked him what he meant, he stated, "Well, I got my car stuck in that field", and the female informant stated, "You mean that field that I told you I felt uneasy about at the barbecue?", and he stated, yes, that was the field. What was important about that statement was that the field they were referring to was the field that was between Schiels' mother's residence where he was living at the time and the abduction scene. Schiels also asked the female informant if she felt hypnosis might help him to bring out what was bothering him, and she had indicated to him that she had good luck with hypnosis but didn't know if it would help him.

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After relaying all this information, Investigator Peart advised the female informant that she should telephonically contact Investigator Sigafoos at his friend's home and advise him of what Schiels had been saying and that we would be seeing them the following morning, and, at that time, she could go into further detail if there were more regarding this interview. The female informant stated that it was her and the male informant's honest belief that Schiels was about to tell them everything; however, because of his agitated state and the way he was framing his statements and/or questions, she felt very frightened and did not ask him anything about the Wetterling abduction for fear of what he might say or do.

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On January 25, 1996, Investigators Larry Peart & Dennis Sigafoos from Peart & Associates, Inc., met with Stearns County Investigators Chuck Olson, Dave Noner, Dave Bechtler, and Ralph Sander, and Chief Deputy Doug Pierce at the Stearns County Law Enforcement Center. During this initial meeting, Investigators Peart & Sigafoos advised the detectives of the substance of the information Investigator Peart had obtained from two confidential informants of the possible involvement of subject Dennis Schiels in the abduction of Jacob Wetterling on October 22, 1989. The Stearns County investigators were informed that the confidential informants' names could not be disclosed to them as the informants had obtained from Investigator Peart total anonymity and confidentiality, and, at no time, did they want their identities known to law enforcement nor would they allow law enforcement to contact them. Investigator Sigafoos further advised that as of this time, he had not met with the confidential informants so he could not vouch for their credibility. He was, however, meeting with them after this meeting concluded. Investigator Sigafoos had been initially advised by Deputy Pierce during phone conversations from his residence in New Mexico that the subject Dennis Schiels had been neither a suspect nor had he been interviewed in any way by law enforcement relative to the Wetterling matter. A subsequent phone call from Pierce prior to Sigafoos flying up from his New Mexico residence inferred he was initially wrong, and Dennis Schiels had been interviewed and cleared as a suspect. Investigator Sigafoos at that time called Investigator Peart and advised him what information he had obtained from Deputy Pierce. Investigator Peart at that time informed Sigafoos that it was not, in fact, Dennis Schiels who had been interviewed by law enforcement, but mostly probably his brother, as the description provided by Sigafoos did not, other then the general height, correlate back to Dennis Schiels, and Schiels had never indicated to the C.I.'s that he had been talked to by law enforcement nor, to their knowledge, had he ever been known as a gay individual prior to his coming out on July 4, 1993 or '94. Sigafoos then re-contacted Deputy Pierce and advised him of the information he had received from Investigator Peart and that arrangements had already been made and tickets obtained for a flight that would be leaving Albuquerque that afternoon. Sigafoos was informed by Deputy Pierce that the Stearns County Sheriff's Department would pay for his ticket out of the contingency fund; however, they felt that Sigafoos should wait a couple of days before coming up. Sigafoos advised Pierce that the ticket had

already been purchased and arrangements made, and, based upon his information to date, he felt he should leave as scheduled and that he and Investigator Peart would be meeting with them up in Stearns County at the earliest possible time.

Investigator Peart then produced a photograph of the subject Dennis Schiels, which had been obtained from the male informant, and this photograph was presented to all the detectives in the room. After reviewing the photograph, all the detectives agreed that this was not an individual that any of them had talked to, nor had they ever seen before. After reviewing the photographs and receiving a verbal report from Investigator Peart as to what the C.I.'s had told him up to that point, further discussion was held in relationship to the subject Dennis Schiels. Additional information provided by Stearns County investigators that they had apparently misplaced or lost the interview they had of Brian Schiels, the subject's openly gay older brother. Law enforcement investigators mentioned that they had received a telephonic tip shortly after the Wetterling abduction from someone in the Schiels residence that law enforcement should talk to a "Doggie" about this. Detectives further advised that this lead was never pursued as there was no name to put with this nickname of "Doggie". Law enforcement personnel were informed by Investigator Sigafoos that he would be re-contacting them after the meetings with the confidential informants, which was scheduled between 1:30-2 p.m.

After concluding the initial meeting with Stearns County investigators, Peart & Sigafoos met with the confidential informants at the Perkins Restaurant in St. Cloud. During this meeting, both confidential sources provided Investigator Sigafoos with their knowledge of the subject Dennis Schiels and also provided Sigafoos with verbal reports as to the things and incidents they had personal knowledge of involving Schiels. All the information provided, Sigafoos correlated to what had been previously been told to Investigator Peart with one minor exception. This exception was noted in what the male C.I. stated to Sigafoos regarding an incident when he and Schiels were watching a video tape on child abuse. At a point in the tape where it showed a young male with marks on his arms, Schiels inquired as to what that was. The confidential informant stated he played it back and showed Schiels it was cigarette burns. The confidential informant alleges he made the statement, "I sure hope they didn't do that to Jacob", and, at that point, Schiels replied, "I don't think they would do that". In Investigator Peart's initial meeting with the confidential informant, he told Peart Schiels had replied, "No, they didn't do that", and then Schiels walked out of the room.

During this meeting, both of the C.I.s alleged that Dennis Schiels had been up to a residence in Milltown, WI, over the past week end at the request of his present gay lover, Les Cosgrove. Cosgrove and another individual by the name of Richard Rangstad reside at 222754th Street in Milltown, WI, 54858. Cosgrove had asked Schiels to, as stated, go to this residence as Rangstad was gone to California and to check the house and water the plants. According to what Schiels told both informants, was that in accomplishing these chores, he happened to be upstairs and he saw some kiddie porn or something else he didn't mention that really shook him up. The male confidential informant stated that he overheard a subsequent conversation between Schiels and Cosgrove wherein Schiels was talking about something relative to what he had seen upstairs at Cosgrove and Rangstad's place, and Cosgrove was heard to say by the confidential, "If I knew he was into that, he wouldn't be there", or words to that effect. The male informant stated that upon his return from Wisconsin, the subject Dennis Schiels was acting very nervous, very scared, and when he was asked by the

informant as to what was wrong with him, Schiels asked if the female informant, could have put a hex on him. The male informant stated to Schiels that the only way he would know is for him to ask himself. Both further stated that on the evening of Wednesday, January 24, 1996, Schiels and the male informant did come to residence. At that time, discussed with Schiels things that were bothering him. It was during this conversation and the reading of some tarot cards that Schiels informed her that he had seen some kiddie porn over in the Wisconsin location and that a lot of things were bothering him. went on to explain that during her discussion with Schiels, he sat in the chair and would not look at her directly, but, rather, he kept his hands in front of him and was sitting with his toes pointed in and his head down and only occasionally would look up at her and then with his head at an angle. Schiels, during this conversation, admitted that he was very troubled about something he may have done that was very bad, and, at that point, he broke down and cried. stated that she didn't push anything or ask direct questions relative to Jacob Wetterling for fear of spooking him or the male C.I.

It was both informants' belief that Schiels would be coming back to talk with because of his extremely troubled feelings, and it was hoped that such a meeting would be taking place the night of the meeting which was January 25, 1996. Investigators Peart & Sigafoos encouraged the informants to continue their conversations with Schiels and to let them know the following day at our meeting with him what transpired.

After having the meeting with the informants, Investigators Peart & Sigafoos returned to the Stearns County Sheriff's Office and met again with Chief Deputy Doug Pierce and Investigators Chuck Olson and Dave Noner and other investigators concerning the results of the meeting that we had just held with the C.I.'s. After informing them of Schiels' apparent emotional instability and having broken down during their last meeting, that perhaps at tonight's meeting, further information could be obtained from Schiels by the informants, and, if it was, then we would meet with the investigators the following day.

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On January 26, 1996, Investigators Peart & Sigafoos met with the informants, and at the Perkins Restaurant in St. Cloud, MN. During that meeting, they conveyed again their impressions of what Schiels' mood and his responses or statements made during the interview on the previous evening at the female informant, residence. The information conveyed by both informants during this meeting paralleled or was everything she had stated during the telephone conversation to Investigator Peart and Sigafoos the previous night. Investigator Sigafoos informed the female informant that it was hopeful that Schiels would come back as he had indicated he would for further discussions with her, and it was hoped that this could occur this evening. Sigafoos further stated to the female informant that it was absolutely necessary that she somehow, when she felt the time was right, bring up the Wetterling case, and to see if Schiels would discuss it or convey to her additional information he may have relative to that matter. Plans were then made for Investigators Peart & Sigafoos to meet again with the informants at approximately 2 p.m. at this same location to discuss the plans or the questions that the informants should ask of Schiels that night should an interview be arranged.

The information obtained by Peart & Sigafoos from the informants was provided the investigators. Detective Olson suggested the next meeting the informants had with the female informant be taped. Detectives were advised that neither Peart nor Sigafoos had the proper equipment with them to record this meeting. Detective Olson then arranged for a body transmitter and recorder to be made available to Peart & Sigafoos in hopes the female informant would use it. Arrangements were made with Detective Olson to be in the surveillance vehicle during the C.I.'s meeting with Schiels.

After obtaining the recording equipment, Investigators Peart & Sigafoos met with the female informant and explained how the recording equipment worked and how she had to secret if on her person. After setting the equipment up and conducting a test, the male informant expressed his desire to be in the surveillance vehicle during Shiels' meeting with the female informant. This information was then conveyed to Detective Olson. It was then agreed that Olson would just await the results,

if any, of the interview, and a procedure was also established for the return of the equipment to the Sheriff's Office.

Investigator Peart & Sigafoos then established surveillance approximately one block east of the informant's residence. At approximately 7:30 p.m., the female informant requested Sigafoos and Peart return to the residence as the subject refused to come over to her residence to meet with her. Upon return to the residence, Peart & Sigafoos met with the female informant. They were advised that the male informant was unable to convince the subject to come over and, in fact, felt he was acting spooked for some reason. The male informant was presently enroute to the residence and wanted to meet with investigators.

Upon arrival at the residence at approximately 8 p.m., the male informant advised that the subject Dennis Schiels had brought more boxes home and was indicating he was going to give notice at his job on Monday and leave for Wisconsin. The male informant agreed that he would pick the subject up on Monday at approximately 3-3:30 p.m. and, at that time, either Peart & Sigafoos would approach them and inform the subject that he needed to be spoken with about his car, who had been driving it, where it was over the past week end, etc. The subject would then be taken to Stearns County Sheriff's Office and interviewed, and then the Wetterling matter would be brought up. All agreed this would be the best way to protect the confidentiality of both informants.

After meeting with informants, the transmitter and recording equipment was returned to the information officer on duty in the Law Enforcement Center.

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Conference with Dr. Clinton VanZant, Psycholinguistics & Behavioral Specialist
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At approximately 11 a.m. on the morning of January 30, 1996, Investigator Peart attempted to contact a psycho-linguistics & behavioral specialist known to this agency in the past, Dr. Murray Myron. In attempting to contact Dr. Myron, we regretably found that he had passed away in July of 1995. Dr. Myron's office informed us that all his cases that had been referred to a co-director at their institute, Dr. Clinton VanZant, who is retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigations Behavioral Science Unit, and that perhaps he could answer any questions that Investigator Peart had. As stated at the beginning of this report, telephone contact was made with Dr. VanZant, and Investigator Peart provided him with a background on the Wetterling case. Dr. VanZant was informed that the subject Dennis Schiels was unknown to law enforcement at the time of the abduction because he had been a closet homosexual at the time of the abduction and did not come out of the closet to his family or anyone else until July 4, 1993 or '94. Investigator Peart described to Dr. VanZant the information that he had obtained from his informants regarding Schiels' personality, that being he was a loner, and he would go out nights and stay out late hours, that he often incorporated restraints in sexual acts and desires to be punished. He has verbally expressed dislike for kids to the male informant; also, he likes to be chased, caught, subdued, and raped during his sexual encounters with other males, namely, the informant. He has an extremely volatile temper, and, when angered, he will break something that is very valuable or very important to him but not to others or other persons' property. He would, also, when upset, go to the basement and curl up in a fetal position in the corner. He has a very low self esteem, will not look at people directly, will always walk around with his head down, and he was either employed at the time of the abduction in a menial job or possibly was unemployed at the time of the abduction. It was Investigator Peart's understanding from the informants that he may have worked at the Big Bear warehouse or for Gary's Pizza as a delivery person at the time of the abduction. Dr. VanZant was also informed that the subject had a car and also had access to a station

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wagon, and he had a brother who had an older truck and possibly other utility vehicles and that the subject had showed up at the Command Post on the morning of October 23, the morning following the abduction of Jacob Wetterling with his brother John to volunteer for the search team. He was also informed that it was Investigator Peart's understanding from informants that Schiels never was involved in any community or civic functions, and, in fact, professes hate for such efforts. He also professes to dislike of anyone who is either wealthy or successful. He also allegedly fantasizes having sex with his father who is a very passive person. He also had a mother who was extremely domineering but allowed him to do things that her other children were not allowed to do and that he comes from a family of eight other siblings. He also has a fixation and preference for large testicles, and the subject also has a profound distrust for anyone who might possibly have psychic powers. Dr. VanZant was also advised that the subject had conveyed to the informants some specific knowledge of how the three boys had been lined up and also stated where they parked the truck, indicating an area and driveway directly from the abduction site which led to some old buildings. The subject has also had interviews with a female informant and made statements such as he was very troubled, that he could recall having done something very bad in bits and pieces but then blocks it out, and he had stated, "Could I have done something one night and blocked it out?", or, "Could I have had a blackout?". He also stated to the C.I., "I don't think I could have killed someone". He also stated to the informant, "If I had been punished when I was younger, maybe I wouldn't have done such a bad thing, and, also, indicated to the confidential informant, "I sometimes see things on TV that trigger this memory, but only bits and pieces", and at the time he said this, he was watching the TV program, Unsolved Mysteries, and had stated to the C.I.'s and pointing to the TV, "something like that", which, at the time, was a segment about an abduction. He also inquired of this female informant, could he be hypnotized to see if he would know what this bad thing was that he did. He also admitted to the male informant that when he would go out during the nights when he was younger, as being possibly a period of ten years before the abduction, that he would go window peeking at St. John's and other locations, one of which was a monestary, and, also, before coming out of the closet, he demonstrated violent homophobia by verbally, and sometimes even physically, going after his older brother Brian, who was an admitted homosexual.

Dr. VanZant advised that what I had described to him, he would characterize this person as a classic textbook type and that this person could very well be involved in an act such as the Jacob Wetterling kidnapping in that by his responses to questions that he is carrying around a great deal of guilt long term and now he trying to justify what he is did, and it's learned behavior, and he's also learned to reject the guilt; however, something is bringing it forth at this time, and the only way this individual should be approached is through interviews, and during the interviews, by intimidation on the part of the interviewer or interviewers. At that point, Investigator Peart explained to Dr. VanZant about a possible pedaphile group and/or child pornography connection over in Wisconin, and wouldn't that be the perfect way to enter into an interview with this individual by use of some pretext like stating that someone in Wisconsin had reported it to Investigators Peart & Sigafoos and that we needed to talk to him about it and provide him with the license number of his car, description of it, and state to him that it was seen in the Wisconsin location at that specific address, and he was identified as one of the individuals involved. Dr. VanZant thought this would be the perfect pretext and he cautioned that it should begin initially, as he stated, broad in nature, but to intimidate the subject with the knowledge that you possess regarding Wisconsin and then bring it back towards the principle theme, which is Jacob Wetterling. Dr. VanZant was also informed that this individual had also a new lover

in the Wisconsin area that also lived, not only in Wisconsin, but in the Minneapolis area, and would commute up to Wisconsin. Dr VanZant thought that would be just perfect to keep the initial contact broad and then narrow it by bringing him right back into the St. Joseph area, narrowing everything as you came back and then get specific. He said that these individuals normally will start agreeing to a larger base knowledge of things before they feel sufficiently at ease with you to get to the central core issue of what you are after. He also stated that it was his professional opinion that it may not be able to be done in one interview, but, rather, two, possibly three, interviews before this individual would explain to you or admit to you the information you are seeking. Dr. VanZant was requested by Investigator Peart at this time of the investigation everything was speculative at best and that it would be appreciated if our conversation would not be conveyed to any law enforcement agency at this time as Investigator Peart had indicated to him the confidential informants' names and their relationships to the individual. Dr. VanZant agreed that he would not and requested that a follow up call be made to him upon the results, if any, of the interview or interviews. Dr. VanZant also alluded to the basis of the informants' relationship was best to remain intact with the subject because if only they knew certain things that had been said or his admissions to them, then he would readily identify those informants. If nothing materialized from the initial interview, and that would then segregate them from any further information from this subject. Dr. VanZant feels that the subject would then probably open up to them as to the pressures that were being exerted from the law enforcement agency doing the interviews because he would need to have someone to turn to. This would also allow for the total anonymity and total confidentiality of the informants to remain intact.

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Jacob Wetterling File

Known:

1. Resided 1/4 - 1/2 mile across open field from abduction site.
2. Closet homosexual at time of abduction.
3. "Came out" to family on July 4, 1993 or 1994
4. Loner-would go out nights; stay out late hours.
5. Often incorporates restraints in sexual acts.
6. Desires to be punished.
7. Was 25 or 26 years of age at time of abduction.
8. Verbally expresses dislike for kids.
9. Likes to be chased, caught, subdued, and raped.
10. Extremely volatile temper.
11. Very low self esteem.
12. Will not look at people directly.
13. Was either employed at maneal job (Big Bear warehouse or at Gary's Pizza) or unemployed at time of abduction.
14. Had car. Also had access to station wagon and other utility vehicles.
15. Showed up at Command Post on Morning of October 23, 1989 with brother, John to volunteer for Search Team.
16. Never involved in any community/civic function. Professes hate for such efforts.
17. Extremely domineering mother.
18. Alleges fantazing having sex with father who is very passive.
19. Jas fixation and preference for large testicals.
20. Gets veru shook up around person with possible psychic powers.
21. Dislike for successful and/or authority type people.
22. Has specific knowledge of how the kids were lined up
23. Stated where "they parked truck".
24. Has stated to CI; Could I have done something one night and blocked it out? Could I have had a blackout?
25. Also stated to CI; "I don't think I could have killed someone."
26. Also stated to CI; "If I had been punished when I was younger than maybe I wouldn't have done a bad thing."
27. Also stated to CI; "I sometimes see things on TV that trigger this memory but only bits and pieces. Was watching "Unsolved Mysteries" during conversation with CI and stated "Some thing like that" which at the time was about an abduction.
28. Wants to be hypnotized to see if he did this bad thing.
29. Admitted to CI he would go out window peeking at St. Johns and other locations.
30. Before "coming out", demonstrated violent homophobia by verbally and physically going after older brother Brian.
31. _____
32. _____
33. _____
34. _____

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35. _____

Unknowns

1. Suspects whereabouts on night of October 22, 1989.
2. How Subject obtained info of where boys were lined up, where vehicle was parked, etc.
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Supportive Info of Subject:

1. Height 5'5" to 5'6". Kids alleged 5'10"
2. Did not have deep gravely voice.
3. _____
4. _____
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STATEMENT OF

ADDRESS: ST. CLOUD, MN

DATED 1/29/96
10:20 P.M.

Statement taken by: Dennis A. Sigafos, Investigator with Peart & Associates, Willmar MN

Present: Larry Peart, Owner, Peart & Associates, Inc.
Husband of

DS. would you give me your full name, please?

DS. Date of birth?

DS. And your address?
St. Cloud.

DS. Okay, and, currently, we're at your residence?
Yes.

DS. Now, you've talked with Larry Peart and myself on several other occasions concerning an individual by the name of Dennis Schiels?
Yes.

DS. Could you indicate to us, do you know an individual by the name of ?
Yes.

DS. When did you meet ?
About two years ago.

DS. And how did you meet him?
Through his son and his wife.

DS. Have you been friends with since that time?
Ah.....yeah.

DS. Obviously, you've had quite a few conversations with , right?
Yeah.

DS. Okay. I know you're nervous, aren't you?
(Laughs) No.

DS. Okay. You seem nervous. Subsequently, through your friendship with have you met Dennis Schiels?
Yes.

DS. Now, you know exactly who he is?
Yes.

DS. How many times have you talked to him since you met him? How long have you known him?
A couple of years.

DS. And have you met him a few times? Or hundreds of times?
Um.....just now and then when would stop by here with him, but he's very quiet.

DS. Never talked to you much, this Dennis?

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No.

DS. Has talked to you quite a bit and been open about himself and his life?

Yeah. Uh-huh.

DS. Okay. Are you aware that is gay?

Yes.

DS. What is your understanding of Dennis Schiels? Is he gay?

Yes.

DS. Has Dennis personally told you this, or did inform you?

did.

DS. What's the status between and Dennis Schiels? Did they have a relationship?

Yes, they did.

DS. Okay, and it was a gay love relationship?

Right.

DS. Okay. Subsequently, somehow, how did it come to pass that you got in touch with or met Larry Peart?

Through a friend of mine.

DS. And who was that, or would you rather not say?

Yeah.

DS. You'd rather not say?

Right.

DS. Did you have a meeting with Larry Peart and some other individuals recently?

Yes.

DS. Okay. Who was present basically? You can leave out some names if you'd rather.

Larry and I and and Patty Wetterling.

DS. Okay. Now, had you demanded to have this meeting, or, basically, did someone else set it up?

Someone else set it up.

DS. Okay, and why did you go?

To support

DS. Okay. Mainly to support okay, and at that time, basically, as you understood it, what were you talking about? What was going on?

Some things that had learned, and I guess he wanted to know if someone else thought it was unusual.

DS. Okay, and this was concerning Dennis Schiels and maybe the Jacob Wetterling abduction?

Yes.

DS. Okay, and there was some questions about some individuals in Wisconsin, right?

Yes.

DS. Okay, but you had none of this knowledge personally yourself? You were going along mostly for support?

Right.

DS. Now, have had met Dennis Schiels on some occasions and had conversations with him, were there any of those that stood out in your mind when we start talking about, you know, this abduction of Jacob Wetterling? Or, at that time, you may not have known, but that, subsequently, you've learned concerned an area or location near where Jacob Wetterling was abducted from.

Now when I look back, I think some things were unusual.

DS. Okay, can you start with one of those incidents and tell me about it? Approximately when did it happen, There was a picnic?

We went to a barbecue at their house last October.

DS. Whose house?

Dennis's.

DS Okay.

And, um, we were just starting to grill. We were sitting out there, and I got some real uneasy feelings around Dennis, and.....like, some bad feelings. I didn't know why, and I felt the same.....I wanted to walk down the road around the bend, and I just felt like something was wrong right across this field. I didn't know why, so we came back to the barbecue, and, all of a sudden, Dennis left.

DS. Had you told Dennis that you had these had feelings?

Yeah.

DS. You didn't say what it was about? It was just bad feelings?

No. I just had bad vibes around him.

DS. Did he leave because of this conversation?

I think he did.

DS. Well, how did he act?

He acted kinda nervous. He drank a beer, and then, all of a sudden, he's leaving.

DS. Who did he leave with?

His brother John.

DS. When did they come back?

We left. I don't know when they came back.

DS. Okay, and, at that time, you thought he was acting a little strange?

Yes.

DS. Because he invited you over?

Yes.

DS. And then he left?

Right.

DS. You weren't drilling him about anything, were you?

No.

DS. Okay. Did you even mention Jacob Wetterling?

No.

DS. Did you have other conversations later with him concerning anything that was unusual to you?

Just recently.

DS. Okay, let's talk.....had you had a conversation with Dennis recently, I think you mentioned it was on January 24th of this year, '96? Had you had a conversation with Dennis?

Yeah. He came over here with He came back from Wisconsin, and he seemed upset, and he asked if I put a hex on him or something, so we figured something maybe happened to him down there, and said, "Well, maybe you should talk to or have her read your cards or something. Talk to her and see if she can help you", so he came over and we talked for awhile, and he was talking about down there

and this guy he was with, and then he mentioned this other guy that lives there he said that's into kiddie porn, and we talked about that mainly that night.

DS. What did Dennis say about that?

Um.....he said something about, well, Richard is in to that stuff, but Les isn't.

DS. Okay. Now, apparently this new guy that Dennis is seeing is Les?

Is what?

DS. Dennis is going somewhere up in Wisconsin seeing a guy by the name of Les?

Right.

DS. And, apparently that might be his new lover in the future here?

Yes.

DS. Okay, and I understand that Les has a roommate named Richard who Dennis believes has some pornography there and maybe some kiddie porn?

Right. That's what he told me.

DS. Okay, and that's what you talked about on the 24th?

Right.

DS. What basically was said about this?

I don't know.....like, maybe, he was upset about it or something, and I don't know..... He started crying, and I said.....you know.....I think I told him.....let's see.....

DS. This conversation was talking place at your house here?

Yes. Uh-huh.

DS. Who was all present?

and myself and Dennis.

DS. Okay. Dennis was crying. Has he cried before or talked to you prior to this much?

No.

DS. Just kind of avoids you?

Right.

DS. Okay, so, he breaks down crying, but you don't know about what?

No.

DS. Did he ever offer an explanation?

No, and then grabbed him and was holding him, and I said, "You must have a lot bothering you or something.... problems", and he said, yeah, he didn't know what, and I don't know, that was kind of it that night, and then after he said that to me, well, then the next night, called for a ride and he came over and then....

DS. I'm going to stop you here, Then after the night of January 24th, '96, I think you had met with Larry Peart and myself, on the morning of January 25th, '96, right?

Right.

DS. And we discussed, talked.....I met with and yourself, and we discussed some of the information had, and I believe, also, I talked to you that after learning what Dennis had said the night before and that you felt he might come back and talk to you, that we told you to go ahead and talk to him and make it in some detail and see what he wants to talk about, right?

Right.

DS. And, so, then you had this conversation on the 25th after having talked to us, and we had indicated to you to go ahead and talk longer and see what's troubling him, right?

Uh-huh.

DS. Okay, why don't you go on how he arrived on the 25th and.....was it at your house again?
Yes.
DS. What time?
I don't know.....around 6:30.
DS. P.M.?
Yes.
DS. And was present, yourself, and Dennis Schiels?
Yes.
DS. Okay, and how long did this conversation on this evening last?
We talked for about two hours, for sure.
DS. Okay. Now, try to remember some of the things that went on, but what first happened when Dennis Schiels walks into the room? Did you and con him over here and force him to come in?
No, he came out to pick up, and he sat outside the house, and I said to "Well, tell him to come in and have a pop", so he went out, and he came in, and sat here and we were talking, and I said, "Gee, after our talk the night before, Dennis, I feel you're really troubled. Is there something wrong that I can help you with?", and then he says..... let's see, how did he put that?.....yeah, he said he had some things bothering him, but he didn't know what, you know, so I started questioning him a little bit. I said, "Is it something that happened to you, that you'd feel this tortured inside?", and he said, "Well, not that I can think of", and I said, "Do you ever try to think about it?", and he said, "I try to think and then when I do, it goes away. Maybe I blocked it out". I said, "Well, do you think someone hurt you or raped you or beat you or something?", and he said, "I don't know", and then he sat here kinda staring at the TV, and he says, "Well, you mean, maybe I know something, but I wasn't really involved, or, like, maybe I took my bike out some night, and I blocked something out, or maybe I got my car stuck in that field?"
DS. Did he indicate what field?
Oh, that's when we were talking about the barbecue and I said "that field there".....I felt something from that field.
DS. Okay, so that's why he brought up about maybe getting the car stuck or something?
Yeah, well, when I first said something to him about the barbecue, he said, "What barbecue?"
DS. Okay, so he kinda forgot?
Yeah.
DS. And when you were talking to him, I understand there was a show on TV or a movie, but you didn't put it on....what was it, do you know?
"Well, like, there", he said, "on TV.....like, sometimes, when I watch a movie and it triggers something".
DS. What was on that night?
It was.....involved mysteries.
DS. Did you have that on on purpose?
No, it was just on when they came over.
DS. Okay, and you didn't turn the TV off?
No.

DS. Okay. Anything else he was telling you, ? Did he ever indicate to you that he had blackouts? Or thought he might have them?
Well, yeah, when he was talking about this stuff, he kept saying, "Well, I don't know. I keep trying to think what it is, but I must have blocked it out, or I blacked it out or something", he'd say.

DS. Did he indicate to you that there was anything you could do or anyone else could do to try to bring it out?
I said, "Dennis, you should get some help. If you feel like you've blocked something out and it's bothering you or torturing you, maybe you should get hypnotized or something".

DS. Okay. What did he say about that?
He said, "Does that really work?" I said, "Well, I think so. I've known it to be real effective".

DS. Okay, now, during this time period, you haven't brought up the Wetterling investigation or Jacob being missing, did you?
No.

DS. Did he ever once refer to that?
No.

DS. how was he acting? His demeanor? Did he cry on this occasion?
No, but he was nervous. He was kinda rubbing his hands between his legs and his feet were kinda turned in.....like a little kid.

DS. Did he look at you?
Ah.....he'd look at me.....he'd be sitting in that chair, and he'd kinda.....he'd watch TV and then he'd kinda like this once in awhile.

DS. So, you thought, from his conversation with you, he's troubled about something. You don't know what it is, but you think there's something really bothering him.
Right. He always hangs his head down. He won't look at you. It's almost like if he looks at you, you can see who he really is.

DS. And you kinda dabble in tarot cards, you call it?
Yeah.

DS. And you feel a little bit of psychic stuff now and then, right?
Right.

DS. And he knows that.
Right.

DS. Any other things that you can recall that he said that night? This is a long conversation, and, obviously, you must have talked about a lot, but is there anything that stood out, that you feel might help to determine if he's involved in something?
Well, I said to him, "Well, maybe something happened to you in your teen years, or do you remember anything in your home town?", and he'd say, on this night, "Well, I'd go out or I'd go to St. Cloud", and the other night, he said, "Well, I was always home in St. Joe, and I never went to St. Cloud".

DS. Did he talk to you about having any friends or lack of friends?
He said he never had any childhood friends.

DS. Did he talk to you about his relationship with his mother?
Not really.

DS. How about with his dad?
No.
DS. Did he talk to you at all about.....
He said something about his mother....he saw naked, I didn't quite get that.
DS. Okay, when he was younger?
Yeah.
DS. Did it seem to bother him or what?
Well, he seemed disgusted.
DS. Did he ever talk to you on this night about his gay relationship with or anyone else?
No.
DS. So, it wasn't brought up. It was just understood, and you didn't discuss it?
Right. So, anyway, we were talking, and I said, "Well, maybe something happened to you that you think you blocked out. Do you remember anything in your teens?".... "No, I can't think of anything". "Do you remember anything big happening where you lived in your twenties or something?" "No, can't think of a thing".
DS. So, basically, you were talking to him, trying to help him out. He's trying to remember what might have happened to him, if anything. Did you have an opinion that he knew what was going on and just wasn't talking to you about it?
I thought he did, yeah, 'cause he kept saying, "I try to think of what it is, and I must have blocked it out".
DS. But he sat there for 2 ½ hours while you two are discussing this. He was free to go anytime, right?
Right.
DS. Okay. You were just talking to him as a friend, so we acknowledge that he showed up and you tried to talk to him.
Yeah.
DS. Okay. Why don't we take a break for a second and then we'll go over. You made some notes, have you, or anything? Would it help you to take a break and try to think if there was anything else that was said?
Yeah.....yeah.
DS. I just want to be straight up on the tape. We're going to take a short break.
LP. The time is 10:38.
DS. This will be a continuation of the interview of It's now 10:44 P.M. we shut the tape off there for awhile. You had a long conversation with Dennis Schiels, and we went over some of the notes that we had taken in prior conversations with you. Going over some of this, did Dennis ever talk to you about a duel personality, or how would he have worded things like that with you?
He said sometimes he feels like somebody else.
DS. Okay. Did he ever indicate to you that, you know, he felt like hurting people.....not saying that he admitted to hurting people, but did he ever indicate that he ever felt like causing harm to someone?
Well, I said to him, "Do you ever feel like you're in so much pain that you want to give that pain to someone else?", and he said, "Sometimes", but then he said, "But, I'd never kill anyone".

DS. Had you asked him if he'd ever killed anyone?
No.
DS. Had you even brought that up?
No.
DS. Okay. Did he ever mention to you how his home life was when he was small, disciplined and that while he was home?
Well, he said something, he thought if he would have been disciplined at home, he wouldn't have so many problems.
DS. Okay, and you don't even know what these problems are, even yet, right?
No.
DS. Okay. Did he ever indicate to you that he thought he might know something but wasn't involved and that may be troubling him?
He said that, yeah, when we were talking.
DS. How did he word it,
"I try to think", he said....."I try to think, and it goes away", he said, "You mean, like if I know something, but I wasn't really involved, or, like, I went out on my bike some night, or I blocked something out, or maybe I got my car stuck in a field?"
DS Okay, so he's talking about things that aren't really making a whole lot of sense and order to you.
Right.
DS. Did he ever tell you that certain things that he sees cause him to think about stuff?
Um.....a TV show was on, and he said, "Like on a show. Sometimes it triggers something", and the show that was on TV was Unsolved Mysteries, about abductions. I caught the end of it, when he said that.
DS. Did he talk to you about his dreams?
Yeah. He said he has a couple reoccurring dreams, one about being in a room and looking at the opposite corner. It looks so far away, and then something about a burning car and water. He's kinda in between.
DS. Is he fearful of both of these or not, do you know?
No.
DS. He just told you that dream?
Right.
DS. Now did you get any impressions? And this is strictly to help any further investigation. Did you get any impressions? Was he totally confused, or did you have any impression he was trying to talk to you about his problems?
It's like he wanted to open up and yet, he was starting to look real confused. He was frowning and kinda staring down.
DS. He wasn't getting away from the talk and wanted to talk but he didn't want to really say much, did he?
Right. It's like he wanted to ask questions without asking them.
DS. Okay, and NEVER did you bring up Jacob Wetterling?
No.
DS. Okay. Now, how did this conversation end with them? They just left?
Ah.....yeah, was going to run down and get some pop, and, right away, Dennis said, "No, just wait. We're leaving in a few minutes".

DS. Subsequently, they both leave, right?
Right.
DS. Now, and I don't care if talked with Dennis, did you talk with Dennis Schiels after that conversation on the evening of the 25th?
No.
DS. Okay. Now, you worked with us in the hopes that he might show up.....Dennis Schiels... on the evening of the 26th of 1996. We had indicated and told you, hey, look, bring up about the Wetterling abduction if you feel it was appropriate, and, is it not also that you were cooperating with us and had what we call a "wire on", a tape recording device, that we could listen to what was going on in here.
Yes.
DS. And you put that on with our knowledge?
Right.
DS. Okay, and you were willing to cooperate?
Right.
DS. He didn't show up, did he?
No.
DS. Did you have conversations with as to why Dennis Schiels wasn't going to show up this night?
He said he can't think about.....something....he can't think about what the problem is.....it can't be too big, and he can handle it himself. He didn't want to talk about it anymore.
DS. He seemed to want to avoid you, huh?
Right.
DS. Okay. right on the tape, I'd like to indicate to you that we have talked to law enforcement on this date, the Stearns County Sheriff's Department, about the investigation. I also believe I indicated to you that we would be sharing some of this information with them in hopes to further the investigation.
Yeah.
DS. And I guess it is my understanding that made it emphatically known to me that he did not want his name given to law enforcement.
Right.
DS. Now, I guess it was my understanding that you didn't want your name given to law enforcement.
Right.
DS. But, you're giving this statement on good faith that, and I don't want to put words in your mouth, that if Dennis Schiels is arrested, you're certainly willing to cooperate, right? If they would arrest him in reference to Jacob Wetterling, will you cooperate with the prosecutors and police?
Yes.
DS. Your fear, what you're telling us over these days, is that you don't want people confronting him with this kind of information because if he's questioned along these lines, he knows exactly who it came from.
Right.
DS. It's the same as giving your name.

Yes.

DS. And I know, believe me, you just didn't want to get involved that way.

Right.

DS. Okay. What is that based on? Why are you so leery of law enforcement? I don't want names or anything else, but, why will you talk with Larry Peart and Denny Sigafos, non-police officers when you won't talk to law enforcement. What has triggered this with you?

Well, had reported it twice.

DS. Were you here when he did?

Yes.

DS. What happened?

Well, they basically seemed like they wouldn't listen to him.

DS. And that's where you lost a little faith.

Right.

DS. And you don't know who he was talking to or the circumstances, but that's why you have this attitude at this time?

Right.

DS. Larry, do you have anything you'd like to add here?

LP. Just one thing. at any time during our meeting on January 15th in St. Joseph, and subsequent to that initial meeting, have I ever, at any time, or has Investigator Sigafos, at any time, encouraged you to stay away from law enforcement?

No.

LP. And what you chose to do and what you explained to me, and if I'm wrong, please correct me, but from that initial meeting after Patty Wetterling had left, provided me with some photographs of Dennis Schiels. He also gave me some additional information reference, you know, what Dennis had told him or had indicated to him or had caused him concern, and up until this time, have you ever known me at any time or Investigator Sigafos, to encourage not to go to law enforcement?

No.

LP. And did we not also tell you that at some point and time in this investigation, contact would have to be made with law enforcement?

Yes.

LP. Okay, and you were agreeable with that?

Right.

LP. Okay. No, I don't have anything else, Denny.

DS. one other thing. I think on today's date, I told you that I was going to talk with an assistant county attorney to turn over a copy of your statement and a copy of statement with knowledge based upon what we talked about, and you're willing to cooperate fully, but you don't want to be.....neither one of you want to be identified either through the words in these statements or by name or an interviewing of Dennis that will identify you, and then he's out and about and you're fearful.

Right.

DS. Now, this is how you feel?

Yes.

DS. Okay. If.....would you cooperate in the future if people had questions for you?

Yes.

DS. And who would you want to talk to or be present? I'm going to New Mexico.

Larry Peart.

DS. But if Larry.....here's what we want to know. It's been very trying for you. I can tell by the way you're talking, but if you learned some new things in conversations with Dennis Schiels, will you contact Larry?

Yes.

DS. Okay, and you understand that Larry will still work with you and that he has an obligation to also work with law enforcement?

Right.

DS. But that he will try to protect you and the same as he has since now?

Yes.

DS. Okay, and you're a little nervous, aren't you?

Yes.

DS. You really didn't want to give a statement, did you?

No.

DS. Okay. We appreciate your doing this, and we're going to do everything we can to see that you're treated fairly.

Okay.

LP. Just one other thing, Denny, before we go off tape. You were also present when I guaranteed total anonymity and confidence, and it was at his specific request, is that correct?

Right.

LP. Okay.

DS. And when was that?

LP. That was at the January 15th meeting in St. Joseph.

DS. Okay, so it's your understanding that was told that he would have that anonymity and all that, and it's very difficult for us to come and ask you for statements and to surrender some of that which you know you're doing, and we're trying to do what's right, and I know is and I know you are, and we appreciate your cooperation.

Okay.

DS. Thank you.

LP. We'll terminate this statement now. The time is 10:55 p.m.

Vp

STATEMENT

The following will be a statement of Date of birth, Address, St. Joseph, MN. The statement will be taken on January 29, 1996, at approximately 9:12 p.m.. The statement is being taken by Dennis A. Sigafoos, an investigator with Peart & Associates, Inc. of Willmar, MN. Present for this statement is Larry Peart, the owner of Peart & Associates of Willmar, MN. This statement is in reference to information concerning the Jacob Wetterling abduction.

DS are you willing to provide Larry and myself with a voluntary statement concerning information you have concerning Dennis Scheils, spelling S-c-h-e-i-l-s?
Yes.

DS Okay, is this on the condition of ...can you answer a little louder?
Yes.

DS Do you have any special conditions that you've asked Larry and myself to put in prior to giving this statement?
Yes.

DS I'm going to read this and you tell me if this is what you indicated to us. That this is a voluntary statement given by under the understanding that nothing contained in this statement shall be used by the Stearns County Law Enforcement Investigators or any other law enforcement agency prior to the arrest of Dennis Scheils.
Is that correct?
That's correct.

DS And also that to use this information prior to Dennis Scheils arrest , you would want them to have your consent concerning that?
Yes, I would.

DS Would you explain to this why you are putting this in here. What is the reasoning behind that?
To protect myself.

DS Okay. when did you first meet Dennis Scheils? Do you pronounce it Scheils (sounds like sheels)?
Scheil (Sounds like shy-els).

DS Scheil. When did you first meet Dennis Scheils?
About two and one-half years ago.

DS Where did you meet him? Minnesota?
Yeah, in St. Cloud.

DS Okay. And from meeting him, did you subsequently start a relationship with him?
Yes, I did.

DS And I understand that you are gay?
That's right.

DS And is Dennis Scheils gay also?
Yes.

DS When you first met him, where were you residing? Were you from this state?
No. I was living with my son in St. Cloud.

DS Subsequently, did you move in with Dennis Scheils?
About six months after I met him, yeah.
DS For the time being, did he put you up in a motel or anything?
No, I lived with my son.
DS Do you know where Dennis Scheils lives at the present time?
111 2nd Avenue, S.E., I believe.
DS And do you know where he is employed?
Yeah, at Vision-ease.
DS Where?
Waite Park, Minnesota
DS Basically, can you give us a description of him? Is he a Caucasian male adult?
He's about 5'4" - 5'5". Dark brown eyes, dark brown hair, beard, mustache, ah, muscular build, husky build.
DS Like he works out?
Yeah.
DS So you met him and subsequently were seeing him. When did he first indicate to you anything about being a Jacob Wetterling?
Um, probably about four or five months after meeting him, maybe.
DS And where were the two of you living then? Were you living at his residence?
No, I was living at St. Cloud with my son.
DS How did it come about that he had mentioned Jacob Wetterling or that you had mentioned Jacob Wetterling?
We had stopped at a Tom Thumb at St. Joe. I went in to get some pop and some snacks and I seen a poster in there and I just happened to mention it to him.
DS What did he tell ya?
And then he said, ah, oh yeah, that happened here awhile ago. I can even take ya out there and show whereabouts it happened and everything.
DS Did he take you out to that location where he said it happened that day...
Yeah,
DS or another day?
No, the same day.
DS And where did you go?
I'm not real familiar with the streets in the area but...
DS Did you draw a map for Larry Peart of that location?
Yeah, yes, I did.
DS And that's what you provided to Larry and myself?
Right.
DS What did he say when he got to that location?
He stated to me where there was a truck parked up by this woods, sort of looked like a driveway type thing and it went back to some building and stuff back there and he just pointed up toward the woods and up on this little knoll that that's where the truck had sat and then he showed me where the bikes were laying in the ditch there and where the kids were.
DS What did he say about how the kids were laid in the ditch...

And I said, ah, I said, well, I said three kids? That's kinda odd that they would go after three kids. He said, yeah, but he said they let two of em go and they just took the one. I said, well that's odd, I said, they just grab one? He said no, that they had checked first and took and the other two were released. They took him and away they went.

DS Did he give you any indication of who they were?
No.

DS Did he give you any indication of how the perpetrator or perpetrators were dressed?
No.

DS How was he acting after telling you this? If you have an opinion on that.
Well we just drove up around to where the boy lived and we just went through the culdesac and back out and went about our business.

DS He pointed out a house that he said was the Wetterling house?
Mm-hmm, yes.

DS Okay. Did he tell you anything else concerning the boys on this occasion. Did he indicate that he knew who they were, on this day?
The way I understood it, he said that the boys just did a lot of riding around their bikes and this sort of thing.

DS Did he indicate if he knew them? On this day in question.
He said that he had seen that the kids did a lot of riding around on their bikes and t hings.

DS Okay. Did he ever indicate to you that he had done any volunteer work or volunteered for the Wetterling Foundation or anything to do with...
Yeah, he told me that he had worked on the Foundation.

DS What did he say exactly?
He just said that him and his brother had spent a lot of time working on the Foundation. Volunteer work.

DS Did he ever indicate to you, to you personal knowledge that he tried to go up and volunteer or did volunteer to be part of the search the next day?
No, he never said anything about that.

DS Currently, does he have any items of like the Jacob Wetterling Foundation at his residence?
Yeah, he ah, they have a ribbon hanging in the front door and then he has one in a little dish that sits on the microwave, there's a ribbon wrapped up that's in there.

DS And this is at 111 2nd Avenue, S.E.?
Mm-hmm.

DS

DS Who else lives in that location?
His brother, ah, then his brother's girlfriend.

DS Which brother, now?
Ah, this is John.

DS Do you know if John's gay?
No, John's straight.

DS Have you ever indicated anything to Dennis Scheils that maybe he should get rid of the ribbons or anything?
I had mentioned that ah, you know, a person...ya know, enough is enough...lay it to rest. He said no, that he wanted to hang onto that stuff.

DS Now as part of your relationship with him and living with him, I understand that you're lovers, right?
Right.

DS Obviously, you've had sexual acts?
Right.

DS Have you ever seen any restraints or anything or any sexual toys that you feel could have been used for restraints or anything else?
Well, handcuffs. He has handcuffs.

DS How many sets?
Probably 4 or 5, I don't know.

DS Has he used them in sexual acts?
Well, we've used one set, yeah.

DS Okay. Subsequently, did you provide Larry Peart with photographs of some of those handcuffs?
Yes.

DS Subsequently, you also turned over to Larry Peart, two photographs of Dennis Scheils?
Right.

DS Is there anything you feel might be important in this investigation when it comes to the sexual relationship and activities between Dennis and yourself. Does he have anything sexually that seemed to fascinate him more?
Yeah, the bondage part.

DS Okay, briefly tell me about that.
Well, he likes to be handcuffed and ah...he ah...then he likes to like try and get away and this sort of thing and that just kinda acting out like a crying out fantasy, like somebody grabbed him and tied him up and was raping him and this sort of thing.

DS Is there a certain part of the male body that seems to fascinate him more that any other part?
Yeah, the size of your testicles.

DS Okay. And this is what he's telling you?
Yeah. He prefers the large testicles.

DS Now, has he told you about some sexual fantasies, you've indicated some. Does he ever talk about any certain type of fantasy? Anything about abduction or anything?
Yeah, he likes somebody in a uniform, like a policeman, or something like that. We had went back to my home town, Eau Claire, and then we went down to Durand, WI and ah, a friend of mine that had a florist shop down there, he ah, he lives in the old, ah, um, old sheriff's house and the back part of the house there is a museum now. It was the old jail. He was real fascinated about seeing it and this friend of mine said, well the only time you can see that is when the building is open for tours and things like that. And he said, wouldn't that be neat to have someone handcuff me and put me in there, you know.

DS Had he ever told you that he had a fantasy about being abducted and raped himself?
Yeah, he said that he didn't know if he was ever raped at one time or if he just kind of blocked it out or if something happened and he just sort of blocked it out and he wasn't real...

DS He indicated that he'd like that to happen to him or...
Yeah, he had mentioned it at one time and I said, well, if it'd ever happened, you wouldn't want it to happen.

DS did he ever tell you anything about any fantasies he had with his own father?
Well he just felt that his father was attractive and he had mentioned that he was intrigued with his father to the point where he could probably have sex with him. I don't get it.

DS What did he ever tell you about his mother, anything that...ya know about her personality. Was she domineering, was she kind of mild or meek?
She was kind of domineering. His dad kinda sat in the background and never really said anything. His mother kinda did all the talking and kinda ran the household, kept a reign on the kids and that sort of thing. She always seemed to very lenient with Dennis.

DS And I know you've only know him for a couple of years but what was your understanding of his childhood, and I believe ah, now he currently resides how far from basically the scene that he showed you and the Wetterling house?
It's probably about a half mile.

DS When he lived with his parents, approximately how far would that be?
About across the field from where it happened.

DS Quarter of a mile or a little more.?
Yeah, yeah.

DS What did he ever tell you, if he did, about his life back home when he was younger?
He always told me that ah, he ah, never went much, he pretty much stayed to home. He didn't really have any friends. He didn't like have friends at school or anything like that. Him and his younger brother John became fairly close and they kind of run together. But as far as childhood friends and that sort of thing, he never really stated that he ever had any.

DS A loner.
He's kind of a loner.

DS Did he ever tell you about what he'd do at night? Would he roam around at night?
He liked to ride his bike and just be out and around. I don't know if he was just out driving around or just exactly what he dun, did. He ah, told me he used to drive to St. Cloud and that sort of thing and he'd try to get back and get in the house before his mother would get up or anything because then she'd want to know where he was all night and that sort of thing.

DS Did he ah, let's talk a little bit about, has ever shown or have you ever watched any movies or video tapes that caused him any problems or anything where he'd mention Jacob? Or you mention Jacob?
I was watching a movie that I had gotten from a friend of mine and it was about a boy that was tortured by his father, his parents and they would take him out of the closet and they would abuse him and that sort of thing and there was a picture on there...I

and Dennis were watching it...and there was a picture on there of a kid standing there and an adult over the top of him, leaning over him and he had marks all over his arms and stuff and Dennis had stated that ah, "well what are those marks" and I said, "well those are burn marks", I said where his father had burned him with a cigarette and I said, my god I can't imagine anybody doing that to a child, just think of Jacob for God's sake, I said, people could have done that to him. And he said, "no" he says, "they didn't do that, they would never do that to him."

DS Did he indicate why he would know that couldn't have been done?

No, he never really stated it. He just said, "no they wouldn't do that."

DS Then what did he do?

He kinda....then I had made the statement that ah, if I ever seen anybody doin' something like that, I would kill them. This is just no reason, rhyme nor reason for anybody to torture anybody like that. Then we got into a little discussion and then he just got up and walked out of the room.

DS prior to meeting Dennis Scheils, had you ever heard of the Jacob Wetterling abduction?

No.

DS Now people are going to find that hard to believe that since it was national news. But you honestly never heard of it?

No. I could have heard of it but just didn't think anything of it...

DS You made it very clear to Dennis Scheils what you thought about someone that would do that right?

Right.

DS Put a little strain on your relationship, maybe?

Right.

DS What is your relationship with Dennis Scheils right now?

The house belongs to him and his brother. He is involved with someone else now. We have a talking relationship. Like I told him, I said, I just want him to be happy and if this is what's going to make him happy then go with it.

DS Is this a relationship with someone up in Wisconsin, where you've been concerned about the activities there?

Right.

DS And some of your concerns where there might be some younger people involved or at least pornography?

Yeah, some kiddy porn.

DS Do you know this for a fact?

Well, he made the statement to me that there is some there. He didn't say whether he seen it or whether he didn't see it. I just told him, I said, I don't know how, I says, you just better be careful. Be careful you don't know these people, you don't know what your getting involved with.

DS And you're aware that Larry Peart and myself or another law enforcement agency will forward some reports or information on that.

Right.

DS But you desire that you're not burnt on this as our person with the information, right?

Right.

DS So with Dennis,

Yes, we do.

DS and I just want you to be totally honest with me, are you having any type of sex with him now? You can answer, just yes or no, we don't need to go into detail.

Yeah.

DS Cause, it's kinda difficult to be in the same bed and have stuff not happen, right?

Right.

DS You seem kind of disgusted by that, why? Not happy with him lately?

Well, I...

DS It's just tough for ya.

It's just tough.

DS Okay.

It's hard when you really love and care about somebody, ya know.

DS You like this guy, right?

Oh, yes.

DS You're not here telling us something that's not true to get back at him?

No, no.

DS Okay. Can you tell us a little bit about Dennis's temper. Does he have one?

Yeah. If you get into an argument with him and start hollering at him he gets real upset and he likes to...like if he gets upset, and he's upset with himself, he'll break something that belongs to him. He doesn't lash out and break anything of mine but he'll break, yeah, he'll break stuff that means a lot to him or has some value to him. He'll bust it or slam it around and I always would grab him and tell him not to do that, ya know. I don't like it when you do that. I said, let's talk about it. Why do you do that?

DS why does he do it, does he say?

He says, well he says, it's kind of a way for him to relieve the pressure that he's going through and if he breaks something of his and something that belongs to him, it relieves some of it.

DS How does he feel about kids? Does he ever voice his...

Yeah, he isn't real happy with kids. Little kids around and running and carrying on and stuff like that, he gets real uptight about that.

DS Has he ever given any indication to you that he's a pedophile and prefers sex with young boys or children?

No, he's always made it clear to me that he's always wanted an older individual. Someone around late 40's and older.

DS Do you have any personal knowledge, prior to his relationship with you several years ago, did Dennis Scheils have any sexual relationships with anyone? A woman, another man?

He always told me that I was the first one he was ever with.

DS What did he do sexually before that? Did he ever...

Just masturbating.

DS Okay. Never told you of any fantasies about kids or anything?

No.

DS Did Dennis, at the time, going back into '89, and you didn't know him then...
No.
DS What is your understanding with his employment at that ....
I thought he was either working for Big Bear or some pizza place in St. Joe there.
DS You personally don't know exactly what he was doing but that's your understanding...
Right.
DS And I know it's tough because you weren't there but do you have any idea what he had for vehicles back in October of 1989?
I think he had gotten his own car then. I think it was a Chevy...I can't remember what make it was. It was a Chevy something and ah, ah, I don't remember the year of the car.
DS Did his parent have vehicles also?
Yeah.
DS Do you have any idea what his parents vehicles may have been then?
He mentioned about a Chevy Cavilier or something like that?
DS You don't have real good knowledge of what was there exactly?
No, no.
DS You indicated that Dennis was kinda familiar with the woods in that area and if so, what did he tell ya and what did he say he did?
He just said that he used to do biking. Him and his brother used to do a lot of bikin'. They'd bike for miles, just pickin agates, and walking in the woods and ah, he enjoys picking bittersweet and stuff like that in the fall and ah, his brother liked to fish, so he used to like to go along and just sit on the shore along side his brother and ....
DS John?
Yeah, and that sort of thing. He, ah, he was kind of a loner and him and John just did things like that. They never really...
DS Now, he has another brother Brian, who is openly gay, at this time?
Yeah.
DS Do you have any idea when Brian finally came out and admitted he was gay?
No, I have no idea.
DS When did Dennis finally admit this?
Well, shortly after we were involved, he told his brother.
DS Do you have any knowledge that prior to this he used to, ya know, pick on his brother Brian for being homosexual or gay, or whatever term he was using?
Yeah, yeah, his brother John told me that he used to make fun of him and make smart comments about it.
DS Now...
I know he was doing that to just try and cover for himself.
DS Now, what does he do...have you seen anything that he does that troubles you about his psychological well being or...
Yeah, Dennis is always kind of withdrawn. He ah, it's like he's thinking all the time and I ah, asked him what the problem was and that sort of thing and he had mentioned the fact that ah, maybe he, he was abused when he was a kid or whatever and ah, I said you should really have someone help you with it. I said, let's talk about it and see what the real problem is, ya know. I said, I want to help you. I want you

to grow. I want you to get on with your life. I said, you always seem to be so withdrawn. I said, late in the fall and around Christmas time you get real moody, you get real uptight and I ask you why and you say, I don't know why. I don't know if something happened around Christmas or at one time but I've always been down at Christmas time.

DS Okay.

And I said, well is it because maybe you didn't get the gifts at home or whatever, you've got to remember, you're parents had nine kids and ya know, it isn't easy, ya know.

DS Did he ever, make statements to you that maybe if he'd been disciplined more at home he wouldn't have troubles or something? Or was that to someone else?

He had mentioned that to someone else.

DS Okay. Now, obviously, have you ever seen Dennis where he goes down in the basement and kinda...

Yeah.

DS ...and kneels in the corner.

Yeah, when we'd get into a fight or something, he'd slam and go downstairs and maybe he'd go down into the basement and just either move things around or just sit down there with his head in his hands and just sit there. I would go and say that I was sorry about all this and that I never meant anything and, ah, I love you and all I want is for you to be happy.

DS From you knowing and living with him, do you think he has some sort of psychological problems?

Yeah, yeah, I really do. I feel that I wish he would see somebody.

DS Is it true, that you introduced him to a

Yeah.

DS What is last name?

Mul....

DS If you can't remember what it is that's fine.

I can't remember what it is.

DS It's Have you been present, I think for the record her name is spelled or something like that. We'll be talking to her a little later. Have you been present when has talked with Dennis about his problems?

Yeah.

DS Just say yes, you don't have to go into it.

Yes.

DS Was it always at insistence or did Dennis want to come over.

No, Dennis wanted to come over and talk to her.

DS We'll talk to her about that then. Are there other things that obviously, you know about Dennis that we haven't covered in here? I imagine there is something, right?

I can't ah...

DS Is there anything about Jacob Wetterling that he has said to you that brought up or alarmed you that you recall at this point?

Well it was because he had shown me the place and showed me where it happened and that sort of thing. I didn't really pay...I paid attention but it didn't really affect me

in anyway because I didn't know anything about it. I wasn't really knowledgeable of any of it and I just thought that he was just telling me what happened and that sort of thing and that was the end of it. I never brought it up after that.

DS Did you have a meeting between Larry Peart, yourself, and another woman who was Patty Wetterling?

Yeah.

DS What was your motivation for going to that meeting?

The reason that I went to her was that, for the fact that where he was going...I heard about this porn for kids and I was just concerned with the safety of Dennis. I figured if he was getting into a house where things like this were going on and I didn't know the man personally that he's getting himself involved with...I was just scared for his welfare. I didn't want something to happen to him.

DS Larry, do you some questions you want to ask

LP Yes, if I could. ah, prior to meeting Dennis, where did you live...prior to St. Cloud?

Oh, I lived in Eau Claire, WI.

LP Okay, and at that time, when you were living there, where you married?

No, I was divorced.

LP Divorced. Do you have any children?

Yeah, I have three children.

LP Three children, okay. At the residence that you now reside in with Dennis, where do you live within that residence?

Upstairs.

LP You and Dennis reside upstairs?

Right. We have two rooms up there. One is fixed like a living room, the other is a bedroom and we have a full bath up there.

LP To your knowledge, has Dennis ever volunteered or been in a civic organization or anything of that nature?

Outside of the Foundation over there in St. Joe for the Jacob Foundation, that was the only thing he's ever been involved with.

LP In regards to his sexual relations with you and the restraints that he has in his possession, the handcuffs and all of that, do you know when he acquired them?

Either '87 or '88. When he went out to his aunt's house.

LP Where was that in Montana or Wyoming?

I think so, yeah.

LP And who owned those at the time he went out there.

I think they belonged to his uncle. I don't know if his uncle was dead then and ah, they were in his aunt's home and he had gotten them there.

LP Did he take them with her consent?

Not that I know of.

LP Has there ever been any indication that he may have removed them...an unauthorized removal of those items from the home?

Yeah. The way I understand it from his brother because his brother was really surprised that he had them.

LP Okay. When he's engaged in sexual acts and utilizing these handcuffs, did he ever ask you to do anything to him?
He would try and get away and I was to restrain him, pull him back, penetrate him, ah, it was just kind of acting out a rape situation.
LP Did he ever ask you to spank him?
Yeah.
LP What would he do or say when you were spanking him?
He didn't really say a lot, it was just the way his body would fidget and jump and he would respond.
LP In a sexual way?
Yeah.
LP Very aroused?
Oh yeah, yeah.
LP Would he say anything about being punished or not doing something when you were spanking him? Relating to maybe his father or someone?
No, not really.
LP He'd never say anything like, "I won't do it anymore, daddy."
No, no, no. He never stated anything like that.
LP Alright. Is it your understanding that when he and his brothers and sisters were growing up, the whole family lived in the basement of that home?
Yes.
LP Then subsequently it was built onto and raised up above it?
Yes.
LP Now referring to what Dennis already covered with you concerning You were present when Dennis talked to on January 24th and 25th weren't you?
Yeah.
LP Where you present when he talked about possibly having blackouts or blocking something out.
Right.
LP Something he may have done that was very bad.
Right.
LP You actually heard these statements?
Yes.
LP That he could have done something but just doesn't remember it.
Doesn't remember it, yeah.
LP I don't have anything further to ask at this time.
DS Lou, you've provided Larry and myself with the information concerning these people in Wisconsin right?
Right.
DS And we're going to furnish that to law enforcement. Names and such to further their investigation.
Um-hmm.
DS Now, it is our understanding that he has a brother John, which he resides with.
Right.
DS There's Brian.

Um-hmm.

DS Another brother who lives where?

Across the street from us.

DS Does he have any other brothers that could be contacted?

In what way.

DS Does he have a brother named Bruce?

He has an older brother Bruce, but he has nothing to do with him.

DS And his mother still resides with the father in this area.

Right.

DS Is that still going Larry?

LP Yes.

DS Now, and I don't want to dwell on this, but did you go to law enforcement with this information or some of this information prior to talking to Larry?

Yeah, I had talked to ah, about it and I told her that I wanted to contact the F.B.I. because of what was going on over in Wisconsin. I just felt that it was pretty disgusting and something should be done about it.

DS Did you make any calls?

Yes I did.

DS Didn't work out to good?

No, it didn't.

DS Did you contact any other local agencies, that you're aware of?

Ah, a friend of mine, when I had mentioned it to her, she had contacted another agency and we didn't really get anywhere.

DS So subsequently, somehow you got together here with Larry Peart and you had a meeting and that's why you're here.

Right. That's what started it all.

DS And since then, you've met with Larry Peart and myself.

Right.

DS Are you willing to go up and talk with law enforcement, at this time?

No.

DS Is this based on some past experience?

Right.

DS So that's why you would rather stay away, at this time.

That's why I stated it the way I did at the top.

DS And that was your desire as to how you wanted this done?

Right.

DS And I understand it took a little convincing tonight to get you to give us this statement, right?

Yeah.

DS And you're willing to live by this statement, right?

Right.

DS Is this all the truth on here?

Yes.

DS Pretty hard for you to give us tonight, this statement?

Yeah.

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DS That will be all for this statement. Thank you

LP Will terminate this statement. The time now is approximately 9:47 p.m., January 29, 1996.

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Reports provided by private investigators that were hired by the Wetterling family received January 16, 2015 see attached copies for details.

Interview of Dale Walker on 10/18/2013 by Al Garber and Steve Gilkerson

Dale Walker, date of birth 4/29/88 was interviewed at his residence, 7 Rivercrest Dr. apartment 305, ST. Cloud, MN.: Lio cell # 15 320 248 3212

Dale said the Stearns County Sheriff's Department took a statement from him about his knowledge of the kidnapping of Jacob Wetterling. He also believes that the Sheriff's Department interviewed Dale's father Karl Walker and Kevin Hamilton.

One day before Dale went to see Jerry Wetterling in March of 2011, Dale showed a news article about the kidnapping to his uncle Gordie Hamilton. When Gordie saw the article he became very upset.

Dale has a recollection that troubles him greatly. He recalls as baby being in a car with his uncles Gordie and Donnie Hamilton. Donnie was driving. There was a boy in the car who was screaming that he wanted to go home. The car stopped and Donnie walked into the woods with the boy. He recalls Donnie getting on top of the boy. Dale said his recollection means to him now that the boy was being raped. Gordie became very angry at Donnie and beat him up. The boy ran off screaming. Dale has no further recollection of that day.

Several years later Dale saw Gordie with a gunny sack that Gordie said contained a dead cat. Gordie tried to bury the sack in a lake near St Johns MN.

Kevin Hamilton tried to talk Dale out of going to see Jerry Wetterling in March, 2011. Kevin accompanied Dale to the Wetterling's but tried to contradict Dale when he was trying to talk to Jerry.

After Dale gave a statement to the Sheriff's Office, Gordie made threats against Dale. Dale is very afraid of what Gordie might do to him. When Dale asked Gordie if Jacob was alive, Gordie said no he was chopped up.

Dale provided the following information about his family:

His brother is Dave.

His uncle Gordon is about 40 years old, 170lbs, looks American Indian, long hair, 5'8", lives Hawick, MN, and may drive an S-10 pickup with lights on top.

His uncle Donnie Hamilton is also in his 40s, short and stocky, wears glasses, has no known permanent residence.

His uncle Kevin Hamilton, is about 6'1", in his 40s, 200lbs, bald and may have a shaved head, lives in trailer park in St. Cloud, and drives a black Chev pickup truck.

Dale's dad is Karl Walker, 40s, 5'8", 250lbs, has a big belly, lives in International Falls. Karl's wife is Ethel. Karl is angry at Dale for coming forward with this information.

Dale's Grandmother is Theresa Margaret Hamilton. Her maiden name was Ligman. She was born on October 2. She lives alone in a trailer court in St. Joseph, MN. She drives a green van.

Theresa's late husband was Frank Hamilton, who last lived in the trailer park in St. Joseph, MN. He died in 2008 or 2009. Dale never knew Frank to be abusive.

Dale's now deceased girlfriend who was with him when they went to see Jerry Wetterling was Angelica Theresa Macias, date of birth 8/26/92. Her family lives in Eden Valley, MN

His uncle Frank Hamilton lives in Cushing, MN. He owns a tattoo parlor there. He is in his late 40s, long hair, skinny, and drives a green van.

Dale's mother is Julie Ann Walker, date of birth 5/6/64. She lives in Sauk Rapids. Her telephone number is 320 828 4999.

Kevin Hamilton's ex wife is Tracy Hamilton who may live in Anoka, MN.

Dale's aunt is Kelly Finlayson (nee Hamilton) who lives in St. Cloud.

Dale's sister Tammy Walker lives in Duluth.

Dale was unclear about relatives in California. He may have an aunt Linda who lives in Eureka, California. She has 2 daughters Tracy and Kriste, and a son Eric.

Dale said he has been convicted of stealing copper. The charge was reduced to a misdemeanor.

Dale described Gordie Hamilton as mean with a violent temper. Gordie's house reminds Dale of a compound meant to keep people out.

The following interview of was conducted by Steve Gilkerson and Al Garber on 10/22/13. equested that her identity be protected as the source of this information. She furnished the following information:

For about 8 months this year, and lived with In early July, 2013, Eric told her that he had information about a "dark family secret" concerning the kidnapping of Jacob Wetterling. He told her that his grandfather (possibly step-grandfather) Frank Hamilton and 2 of his sons, names unknown, kidnapped and molested Jacob. Eric mentioned the names Donnie and Kevin as sons of Frank but she does not know if either of these 2 sons were the ones who participated in the kidnapping with Frank. said they subsequently killed Jacob and buried his body beneath a plot of ground where Frank and his wife Theresa Hamilton (Eric's grandmother) were moving to shortly. They were going to be placing a trailer and a shed on this plot of ground. They were living on a farm prior to this move.

Eric told her that Frank and his sons were "perverts and pedophiles." Frank and his sons molested , last name possibly , when she was young. moved to Eureka, California and had nothing to do with the Hamilton family in Minnesota while growing up. She is "95% sure" that all this information Eric told her about Jacob came from his mother

Eric told her that on one occasion the pipes in their trailer froze and one of his aunts, name unknown, went to the shed or trailer to look at the pipes. One of his uncles, name unknown, became very angry with this aunt and warned her to "never go there again."

She described Eric as "not a decent person," with a violent temper, and said that he served time in prison in Minnesota for a cocaine violation. He is still on probation in Clay County, Minnesota. He also committed some violent crimes in California, not further described. He is about 6'2" tall, very skinny, DOB 9/26/87, and has a shaved head containing a number of tattoos on it. He rebuilds old cars and drives both a 1977 Olds Toronado and a 1970s brown Lincoln Continental. His cell phone number was 320-760-1800.

She had the feeling that based on Eric's comments, Theresa Hamilton had at least "an inkling" of what had happened.

Interview of Linda Oboyle on 10/25/2013

In December of 2009 Linda visited her son in Minnesota. While there she visited her sister Kelly Finlayson. Linda learned the information about the kidnapping of Jacob Wetterling from Kelly.

According to David Walker, Donnie and Gordie Hamilton kidnapped Jacob Wetterling. Kevin Walker was in the gas station at the time the children were there. When interviewed after the kidnapping Kevin gave the police a description of Frank Walker Sr for some reason unknown to Oboyle.

The kidnapping was committed so that Gordie could get money to buy the farm owned by his parents. He tried unsuccessfully to get a loan.

At the time of the kidnapping Kevin and Donnie lived near the farm. Donnie and Gordie were patients of Jerry Wetterling. That is how they knew Jacob. They also knew Jacob's age.

Kelly said that recently she had gone to the trailer house that her mother Theresa lived in. Kelly went there to place heat tape around the water pipes under the trailer. While under the trailer she saw Nike high top shoes in a plastic bag. She also saw a red shirt.

Sometime later Gordie found out that Kelly had been under the trailer and he became angry. He told Kelly if she went under the trailer again, he would slit her throat and throw her in the woods.

David Walker is the son of Julia Walker. Through the years David has spent a lot of time with Gordie. For some reason recently they had a "falling out." Then David went to Jerry Wetterling and told everything he knew about the kidnapping.

David said that after the kidnapping Gordie suspected that Donnie might talk about the kidnapping so Gordie made Donnie have sex with the Jacob. Then Gordie ordered Donnie to kill Jacob. Donnie refused and Gordie beat him up.

David also said that after the kidnapping Donnie called Carl Walker, David's father to come pick up Donnie. This was after Donnie was beaten by Gordie.

Linda recalls that sometime shortly after the kidnapping Donnie showed up at Linda's home in California. He was driving a blue Datsun with a hatchback. He stripped the interior of the car and threw all of the material in her garbage. He then left.

Linda saw a composite shortly after the kidnapping and it looked like her father Frank Sr.

She cannot recall where she heard the following: The reason the kidnapper asked Jacob, and the other boys there ages is that he wanted to be sure they got Jacob.

She also said that David and Dale Walker are brothers and she may be mistaken when she says David went to Jerry Wetterling to tell what he knew. It may have been Dale.

Linda said that Frank Sr has sexually assaulted when . He sexually molested

Kelly is angry at Linda because Linda told the police how to contact Kelly. Kelly was contacted and did not give any information.

The following interview of Eric Roger Ott was conducted by Steve Gilkerson and Al Garber on 10/25/13. Ott furnished the following information:

He is the son of Linda OBoyle, daughter of Theresa Hamilton. Gordon, Kevin, and Donnie Hamilton are his uncles and Linda's brothers. Linda has told him that these three were responsible for the kidnapping of Jacob Wetterling. He is pretty sure that Linda got this information from her sister Kelly but that she could have also gotten some information from her sister Mary. Linda got this information about 3 years ago when she came to Minnesota for a visit.

Linda was told that Kevin was on surveillance at the gas station where Jacob and the other boys were at and notified Donnie when the boys left the station. Donnie did the actual kidnapping and asked each boy how old they were so he would know which boy was Jacob. Ott did not know where Gordon was at during the actual kidnapping. After the kidnapping Donald and Gordon took Jacob to a church outside of St. Cloud, possibly in a town which name started with and R. Gordie became worried that Donnie would say something about the kidnapping so Gordie forced Donnie to have sex with Jacob so that Donnie wouldn't talk. Gordie then beat Donnie up and left the scene, leaving Donnie there. Ott had no information about what happened to Jacob at that time.

A short time after this, Donnie drove to California in a station wagon and visited Linda for about 2 weeks. While there, Donnie striped everything out of this vehicle, including the carpeting and door paneling. He left it all in a big garbage pile.

The reason they committed this kidnapping was for money. His grandmother Theresa was losing her farm and Gordon wanted to buy it. The bank would not loan Gordon the money to buy it. Some of the Hamiltons were patients of Jerry Wetterling, a chiropractor, so Gordie, Donnie, and Kevin decided to hold Jacob for ransom. They figured Jerry had plenty of money.

After they lost the farm, Theresa and her husband Frank moved into a trailer that had been previously occupied by Kelly and Mary, their daughters. At that time, Gordie and Donnie lived in a trailer in the same park. About 3 years ago, the pipes in Theresa's trailer froze. Kelly went into the crawl space under the trailer to wrap the pipes. While under there, Kelly saw a bag that had a pair of white Nike hitops and a red shirt. Kelly asked Theresa about these items and Theresa replied words to the effect, don't worry about them, it's nothing. When Gordie found out that Kelly had been under the trailer, he threatened her and told her "DON'T EVER GO THERE AGAIN OR I'LL KILL YOU." Kelly has terrified at this threat from Gordie, and likely still is.

Eric heard about this so about 3 weeks later, he went into the cawl space to check it out himself. He did not see the shoes or the red shirt. He did see a bunch of railroad ties. He did see 2 different paths which led to this crawl space. One of these were from the sidewalk around the trailer and the other was from the woods near the trailer.

Eric stated that "the family all thinks Jacob is buried under this trailer."

At some point after the kidnapping, the police found out Kevin had been in the gas station during the kidnapping and questioned him about people he saw in the store. For some reason, Kevin gave the police the description of a person he saw in the store that matched the description of his father, Frank Sr. He thinks a composite was made from Kevin's description.

Eric feels that Theresa knows everything about this incident but would never say anything. He thinks Kelly would have said something until she was threatened by Gordie.

Kevin and Gordie were close when they were younger but had a split after the kidnapping. Gordie got into some trouble in the last couple of years and Kevin went to Gordie and asked him what he (Kevin) could do to help him. The feeling is that Kevin did this to protect himself, to keep Gordie from saying anything.

Eric felt that Donnie was the weakest link in the family and the most likely to confess if confronted.

Interview of Kelly Finlayson on 10/29/2013

Kelly Finlayson was interviewed at her home by Al Garber And Steve Gilkerson.

She said she knew that Dale and Dave Walker had accused Gordie and Donnie Hamilton, her brothers of kidnapping Jacob Wetterling and putting his body under their mother's trailer in St. Joseph, MN.

So in August of 2013 Kelly looked under her mother's trailer. She only found an old grey pair of shoes that had Velcro.

Kelly said she did not see a pair of white Nike high top shoes and a red shirt. She denied telling anyone she saw the Nikes or the shirt.

Kelly denied ever being threatened by her brother Gordie.

At the time of the kidnapping Kelly was living with her mother and father in the trailer. Her father has since died.

Her dad was good to her, but she does recall an incident where her father, Frank Sr

Her brother Donnie walks with a limp and rides a bike. He is homeless.

Interview of Jessee Finlayson on 10/29/2013

As Al Garber and Steve Gilkerson were leaving the residence of Dan and Kelly Finlayson, their son Jessee said he had information about the Jacob Wetterling kidnapping.

His cousins are Dale and Dave Walker. In the summer of 2012 Dale told Jessee that Gordie had told Gordie's son, Jordon that he, Gordie "had done it."

Interview of Mary Manival on 10/29/2013

Mary Manival was interviewed by Al Garber and Steve Gilkerson at her home in Randle, MN.

After being told why Garber and Gilkerson wanted to talk to her, she said:

Her brother Frank Jr. told her that their Brother Kevin Hamilton had been on TV after the kidnapping of Jacob Wetterling. Frank also told her that their brother Gordie was accused of committing the kidnapping.

Years later Mary saw Kevin on TV and Kevin said he was in the gas station when the kids including Jacob were there on the night of the kidnapping. Kevin said he found the kids bikes in the ditch after Jacob was kidnapped.

Sometime ago her sister's son Dale or Dave Walker went to Jerry Wetterling and accused her brother Gordie of kidnapping Jacob. Mary believes the son said this because he uses meth.

About 3 years ago Mary got a call from the Sheriff's Office and she was asked what she knew about the kidnapping. Mary said she did not know anything.

At some point Mary spoke to her sister Kelly Finlayson. Kelly said she looked under her mother's trailer for evidence and found nothing.

Mary said that years ago Gordie and Donnie robbed a hitchhiker of $8. Gordie went to prison for this.

Her brother Donnie works at the Salvation Army in St. Cloud serving food.

Interview of Retired FBI SA David Price

Dave Price was interviewed by phone about an interview he conducted with retired Stearns County, MN Detective Ralph of Donnie Hamilton at the on 11/7/1989.

Dave recalls going to Brainerd with Ralph to an interview concerning the kidnapping of Jacob Wetterling. He does not recall the details of the interview.

He does not recall why he and Ralph were assigned to do this interview.

Dave suggested that lead sheets from around the time of 11/7/1989 were found they might indicate why the lead was assigned.

He would also be happy to talk to Ralph to see if their recollections could be refreshed.

Interview of Jessee Finlayson and Dan Finlayson on 11/6/2013

Dan said that about 20 years ago his wife Kelly was hit by lightning. She was hospitalized and suffered significant memory loss. She still takes medication.

Neither Dan nor Jesse, Dan and Kelly's son, could think of anyone who would make up false information about Kelly finding things under her mother's trailer.

According to them Kelly sees her brother Donnie occasionally.

Jesse does not know Gordie Hamilton's son Jordon.

Interview of former Deputy US Marshal John Dillon the calleron 11/12/2013

John Dillon advised that he remembers being at a party where Kevin Hamilton was present. This was in Plymouth, MN in about 2000. Kevin told John that on the night of the kidnapping of Jacob Wetterling Kevin was playing cards at a house near the kidnapping site.

There was a police scanner in the house. He heard a police call about something at the Tom Thumb. He then saw 3 police cars go by with their lights and sirens on.

He was curious so he and his girlfriend drove to the Tom Thumb. There were no police cars there. Then they drove to the kidnap site and saw 3 bikes in the ditch.

They went back to the Tom Thumb and asked if anyone called the police. No one said they did.

So they drove to Kevin's home. Enroute they saw a St. Joseph Police Officer. They stopped and Kevin told the officer he had seen the bikes in a ditch. The officer responded that they knew about the bikes.

During the night Kevin got a call from a friend who said there had been a kidnapping. Kevin told the caller that Kevin had seen the bikes, the caller said the FBI was taking tire impressions at the crime scene.

No one ever contacted Kevin and he never told law enforcement about this. John Dillon encouraged Kevin to talk to the investigators. John arranged for an interview of Kevin to occur.

Lisa Karnik Pfannenstein was interviewed by Al Garber and Steve Gilkerson on 11/17/13. She furnished the following information:

She used to date Kevin Hamilton and was with him the night Jacob Wetterling was kidnapped. The two of them were playing cards at her mother's house in St. Joseph when they heard a broadcast on her mother's scanner about the kidnapping. She and Kevin drove down to the reported kidnapping site in her silver Grand Prix. Kevin was driving. They pulled into the driveway there and then backed out and drove away. Her memory was "vague" about what happened after this. She does not remember seeing any bicycles at the driveway. She seemed to remember that they went back to her mother's. She remembered that at some point they talked to a police officer that night, possibly at the doctor's office or the Tom Thumb. They probably spent that night at Kevin's residence. She does not remember her brother Jeff Karnik calling Kevin that night but that it's possible he did.

Interview of Jeff Karnik on 11/19/2013

Jeff Karnik was interviewed by Al Garber. Present during the interview was Jeff's wife, Jean.

On the night of the kidnapping of Jacob Wetterling, Jeff was at his mom's house playing cards. His wife Jean was there along with his mother, Emma, who is now deceased. Also there were his cousins Sharon and Alice Karnik. His sister Lisa and her boyfriend Kevin Hamilton were there also.

His mother's house was at 505 East Able Street in St. Joseph, MN.

Sometime during the evening Jeff heard a call on the police scanner in his mother's house. The call said something which Jeff cannot now recall. Then he saw some police cars go by the house with their emergency lights and sirens on.

Jeff was a volunteer fireman with the St. Joseph Fire Department. So he decided to find out what was going on. He and Jean got in their car and left. At about the same time Kevin Hamilton and Lisa Karnik got into Lisa's car which was a Pontiac or similar car with a T top, and left.

Jeff and Jean drive around looking for the police. They turned down a street in St. Joseph and saw the lights of police cars. The road was blocked, so they turned around and went back to Jeff's mother's house.

Sometime later in the night Jeff's fire department pager went off. He was summoned to the St. Joseph fire hall to look for a missing child. He remained at the hall dispatching and answering phones.

Sometime in the early morning he returned to his mother's home.

Jeff said he only knew Kevin Hamilton as a person that his sister dated. He did not know Kevin well. Jeff does not believe he called Kevin after Jeff found out that a child was kidnapped. He did not know Kevin's number and at that time no one had cell phones. Jeff does not believe he talked to Kevin about the kidnapping that night.

Interview of Joy Baker on 11/22/2013

Joy Baker was interviewed by Al Garber. She said she had obtained the following information from Kevin Hamilton today and also in the past:

Kevin's father Frank Sr. was eliminated as a suspect in the Jacob Wetterling kidnapping because he was in California visiting his son, Duane, at the time of the kidnapping. Kevin's mom, Theresa, provided the police with a copy of the airline ticket.

Kevin also described his father as riding a bicycle around St. Joseph, Minnesota collecting cans for sale.

Interview of Erasmo Ozornia Sr. on 11/27 2013

Ozornia was interviewed at his residence by Al Garber and Steve Gilkerson. He stated that he was the victim of a violent assault by Gordie Hamilton.

He first met Hamilton in about 1999. This was at a party at the Wendy Hill Junkyard in Hawick, MN. At that party Ozornia witnessed Gordie Hamilton beat and assault Dean Shubert.

Sometime later at a date that Ozornia cannot recall Hamilton attacked him after he objected to Hamilton violently throwing his daughter around. This was in the "Oak Leaf" house in Hawick. Hamilton hit Ozornia over the head with a metal chair. Then Hamilton tried to choke Ozornia. Ozornia's girlfriend , Lori Englund, tried to stop Hamilton from choking Ozornia. Hamilton them attacked Lori causing an injury to her arm which Ozornia described as a compound fracture.

Ozornia required hospitalization. Hamilton was later convicted of the attack.

Shubert lives now with Dave Walker, who is also known as Dave Brown. Dave Walker is in his late 50s and owns a house in Willmar, MN. Walker and Shubert live together.

Interview of Duane Hamilton on 12/3/2013

Duane Hamilton was contacted by Al Garber at Hamilton's telephone number 806-546-0551. Hamilton was told that Al Garber was a retired FBI Agent who has been asked by the Wetterling family to look into an aspect of the investigation to locate Jacob.

Hamilton replied that his father was an illiterate hard worker. He said that his brother Kevin told him that Kevin was in the Tom Thumb and saw the kidnapper, but the police would not listen to Kevin.

Hamilton screamed that he did not know if his father was visiting him at the time of the kidnapping and he did not care.

He yelled "leave me out of your fucking shit."

Interview of Linda O'Boyle on December 3, 2013

Linda O'Boyle was interviewed by Al Garber and Steve Gilkerson. Also present was Linda's husband Tim O'Boyle.

~~Kelly~~ Linda's sister, Kelly Finlayson told Linda that in 2009 Kelly looked under the trailer that her mother was living in and that her father lived in. Kelly said she did this because she was hearing that the Hamilton's were suspects. Kelly told Linda that when Kelly went under the trailer she found a plastic shopping type bag and she could see it contained a pair of white Nike Hi Top tennis shoes. Kelly also found a red shirt.

Some years later after Dale Walker went to the Wetterling's and told about them kidnapping, Linda's mother said Gordy Hamilton was arrested by the Sheriff's Officers. He was later released and after his release, the officers bought him breakfast.

After learning this Linda called Kelly. Kelly said that Dale Walker came to Kelly's house and said he remembered Gordy and Donnie having Jacob. Kelly said that Dale told her that Gordy told Donnie to kill Jacob. Donnie raped Jacob and then Gordy beat up Donnie.

After Linda learned this information she told Kelly to go back and get the shoes from under the trailer. Kelly refused saying she was scared because Gordy threatened to kill her if she went back under the trailer.

Then Linda called her son, Eric who was in Minnesota, and told him about what Kelly had done. Some days later Eric called Linda to tell her he went under the trailer and did not find the shoes. He said he saw 2 sets of drag marks.

Linda remembers that in the early 2000's, Kelly was hit by lightning while driving a van.

Later Kelly told Linda that she was questioned by the Sheriff's officers and denied knowing anything about the shoes. Kelly was upset with Linda for giving the Sheriff's officers Kelly's telephone number.

Linda recalled the time that Donnie came to her home in California. This was either in late October or Early November, 1989. Linda returned to her home with a car she had just purchased to find Donnie at her house. Donnie just showed up.

Linda does not remember if Donnie was beat up or showed signs of a beating. He was driving a small dark car with a lift rear door like a station wagon. Soon after he got to Linda's house he stripped the carpeting, the side panels and the insulation out of the car. He put all of this stuff in her garbage. She asked why he did this and he replied that he was going to put shag carpet in the car. She asked him where the carpet was and he did not reply. Linda recalls that the carpet from Donnie's car was burgundy.

Donnie said the car was his.

Linda talked about her brother Duane. Kevin and Duane Hamilton are very close. Duane is a retired welder who built a home in Texas. Linda does not know if her father was visiting Duane at the time of the kidnapping. At that time Duane was living in California. She has not spoken to Duane for a few years.

Shortly after the kidnapping Linda saw a drawing on TV of a man who may have been the kidnapper of Jacob. Linda thought the drawing closely resembled her father, Frank Sr. So Linda called her mother who said that the FBI questioned her father, put him in a lineup, and released him.

In November of 2013 Linda talked to her brother, Kevin, who said their father was in California at the time of the kidnapping. So Linda called her mother and said what's going on. She said what is the truth, was dad in California at the time of the kidnapping or not. Her mother replied I love you and hung up.

At the time of the kidnapping the only family member that Linda communicated with was her mother.

Linda does not know if any of the Hamilton sisters contacted the Wetterlings.

Her father sexually assaulted when . told, kissed her on the vagina when was in the bathtub.

Linda learned that her father also sexually molested 2 young children whose mother was , This occurred at the old farmhouse where Frank Sr. and Theresa lived. Linda cannot recall how she learned this.

Years ago Linda's mother told her that her father, Frank, Sr. tried to force a boy into Frank's red truck. The boy ran home and told his father. The police questioned Frank, Sr. according to Theresa.

Interview of Steve Erickson on December 5, 2013

Steve Erickson was interviewed on the phone by Al Garber. Steve said he was a St. Joseph, MN Police Officer at the time of the kidnapping of Jacob Wetterling.

He was on duty when the call came out and squads were dispatched.

Since the call dispatched officers to a location that was not within the city limits of St. Joseph, he decided to wait in the city to see if his help was needed. He said he is in his words 99.99% certain that he was not approached by anyone reporting to have found 3 bikes. He said that he knew the nature of the call and certainly would have reported someone finding 3 bikes.

Dear Carl:

I am writing to you to appeal to your sense of decency. I know that various people including police have talked to you about the kidnapping of Jacob Wetterling.

I am not a cop. I am a retired FBI Agent who has lived with this kidnapping with the Wetterling family since 1989.

You are not a suspect in the horrible crime. However what you remember about the night of the kidnapping may be very important in my sincere effort to bring some comfort to Patty and Jerry Wetterling.

I hope you will reconsider your decision not to speak to me.

I appeal to you to call me at 763 370 4961.

Sincerely

Al Garber

Interview of CARL Walker on December 9, 2013

Carl Walker was interviewed on the telephone by Al Garber.

Carl remembers that on the night of the kidnapping of Jacob Wetterling, Carl was picked by Donnie Hamilton. Carl cannot be sure but he believes Donnie picked him up at Carl's father's house in Gilman, MN. Donnie was driving a car that belonged to Al Klinker of St. Cloud. Donnie was supposed to buy the car.

Donnie and Carl drove to Gordy Hamilton's place which was possibly in Little Falls or Randall, MN. When they arrived at the house, Donnie went in and Carl waited in the car. Donnie didn't come out so Carl drove away. He got as far as the railroad tracks in Royalton, MN where he ran out of gas. He left the car, walked to a gas station and called his father who sent Carl's brother Donnie Walker to pick him up. Carl left the car and never learned what happened to it. Carl cannot remember what kind of car it was. Carl said when he left the car it was early evening and it was beginning to get dark. But it was not dark yet.

Carl said that Gordy's girlfriend whose name he cannot remember, worked at an unemployment office in St. Cloud.

Gordy repaired cars so he had access to many different kinds of cars.

Several day after the kidnapping Carl was questioned by an FBI Agent. He told the Agent he didn't know anything because he thought leaving the car by the railroad tracks might be a crime. He also said he has been questioned over the years about other crimes in Stearns County. In one case he gave the investigators a DNA sample.

Interview of Julie Walker on 12/9/2013

Julie walker was interviewed by Al Garber and Ted Boran at the Burger King in Sauk Rapids, Minnesota.

She is the mother of twin boys Dale and David. She is divorced from their father Carl Walker. Carl left Julie in about December, 1989.

Dale was very close to Gordy Hamilton until Dale came forward and told the Wetterlings that Gordy kidnapped Jacob.

Dale never gave his account of the kidnapping to Julie.

She has not seen Gordy, Donnie, or Kevin for many years, probably since 2004.

During the period of the kidnapping Gordy babysat both Dale and Dave.

Sometime after the kidnapping Julie saw a drawing which was on the frig in Theresa's trailer house. Both Julie and Theresa though the drawing looked like Julie's father, Frank, Sr.

At some other point after the kidnapping Julie was called by Theresa who said that Kevin was on TV talking about the kidnapping and about tire tracks.

Julie related an incident when she, Gordy's daughter Mariah, Gordy's girlfriend Denise Larson, Gordy, and Dale were in an area called the "Castle' in St. Johns, MN. She saw Dale and Gordy dragging a very large gunny sack on the trail. One of them threw the sack into the water after dragging it a long distance. Gordy said there was an animal in the sack. Julie is not sure when this happened.

Julie described Gordy by relating two incidents. The first occurred outside Theresa and Frank, Sr.'s trailer house. For some reason Gordy pulled a knife and told Frank, Sr. I should kill you like I killed someone else.

The other incident involves Gordy sexually molesting ılie learned this from Denise and Julie believes that Denise is still Gordy's girlfriend.

Julie related an incident told to her by her daughter Tami. Tami went to visit Donnie. Donnie was living in a house in St. Cloud owned by Allen. Julie does not know Allen's last name. Tami observed Allen and Donnie having sex.

Interview of Dan Rassier on 12/10/2013

Dan Rassier was interviewed by Steve Gilkerson and Al Garber. Joy Baker sat in on this interview at the request of Rassier. Rassier furnished the following information:

On the night that Jacob Wetterling was kidnapped, he was in his room typing when his dog started barking. This was around the time he thinks Jacob was kidnapped. He looked out his window and saw a small, compact, dark blue or black car turning around in his driveway. He estimated that this vehicle would have been about 90 feet from where he was observing. He could see that there was a passenger in this car and that this person was looking out the window with their hands cupped. He is unable to furnish any further description of this person. He could not see the driver. He feels that this is the car that took Jacob. He did not know that a kidnapping had occurred until about 11:30PM that night when his dog started barking again and he saw people outside his house with flashlights. He called 911 and the dispatcher informed him of the kidnapping. He related what he had seen to a St. Cloud Times reporter the next day.

Some years later he met with Kevin Hamilton after Hamilton reported he had turned around in his yard the night of the kidnapping. He is sure the car he saw that night was not Hamilton's car because Hamilton's car was a different style and color. He has doubts about Hamilton turning around by his house because his dog, who stayed outside always, barked when a car came in. The only time the dog barked around the time of the kidnapping was when he saw the car he previously described.

Interview of Elaine Newton on 1/3/2014

Elaine Newton was interviewed by Al Garber. She does not know the Hamilton family. She lives 4 houses from the public access to Cramer Lake.

She recalled that on the day of the incident involving her son Andrew, he asked her if he could go to the beach at the lake. She gave him permission but only if he could find some friends to go with him.

Andrew later told her that as he was going to the lake he was approached by a van. The occupant asked Andrew if he wanted a ride. Andrew ran off to report this to an adult. The van sped off.

Elaine does believe that this was an attempt to abduct Andrew.

Interview of Mike Monnier on 5/16/2014

Mike Monnioer was interviewed by Al Garber and Steve Gilkerson. At the time of the kidnapping of Jacob Wetterling Mike was employed by the Morrison County Sheriff's Office as a jailer and dispatcher.

About 1 or 2 weeks after the kidnapping Mike took a call while he was on duty. The call was probably in the evening. Mike cannot recall if the caller was male or female.

The caller said there was a guy on the railroad tracks who was trying to commit suicide. The caller told Monnier that the guy said he knew who took Jacob Wetterling.

Monnier believes that Little Falls Police were dispatched. He said Sheriff's Deputies could have been dispatched.

The guy was identified as Gordie Hamilton. The officers bought Hamilton to the Sheriff's Office. Monnier believes that Hamilton was interviewed by an investigator and denied any knowledge of the kidnapping.

At the time the Sheriff was Paul Tschida. There were approximately 6 or 7 Police Officers on the Little Falls Police Department. The Chief of Police was either Mike Pender or Clayton Olson.

Sometime after this incident Monnier was working when a Deputy Sheriff who may have been Bruce Backowski or Dan Eastvold, was dispatched to a suspicious vehicle. The vehicle was located and contained Gordie Hamilton, Frank Hamilton, Jr, and Frank's girlfriend Cathy Koubsky. Monnier remembers that the Deputy described the occupants as very nervous.

Koubsky worked at the local ambulance service. She listed her address as Box 97, Randall, MN.

Gordie Hamilton's address at the time was 11861 County Road 51, St. Joseph, MN. He listed an alternative address as Route 1, Little Falls, MN.

Monnier believes the information about Gordie, Frank, and Koubsky was passed on the Benton County Investigator Mike Theis. Theis was a member of the task force investigating the kidnapping.

Monnier recalls a red notebook in which notes regarding the Wetterling kidnapping were kept at the Morrison County Sheriff's Office.. He does not know where the notebook is.

Monnier also showed Garber and Gilkerson a photo of Frank Hamilton, Sr. (My note-The photo bears a striking resemblance to an artist's conception of a man described as a mean scary guy who was seen out side of the Tom Thumb near the ice machine just 15 minutes before the kidnapping took place. This man "leered at customers", never purchased anything and was reported to be at another convenience store in Avon, MN earlier that day.)

Monnier believes that Frank Hamilton, JR resides at 25341 Agate Trail, Cushing, MN.

After Garber and Gilkerson left, Monnier called to say he contacted retired Deputies Bruce Backowski and Dan Eastvold. Neither remembered the incidents involving Gordie Hamilton or the car.

On 5/20/14, Cathleen Koubsky was interviewed by Stephen Gilkerson and Allen Garber at Randall, MN. She furnished the following information:

She is the former girlfriend of Frank Hamilton, Jr., starting in 1988 and continuing for a number of years. She and Frank are no longer romantically involved but operate a tattoo business together. She knew Frank's brother Gordie. The first time she met Gordie, Frank told her that Gordie "was not worth knowing." Frank did not explain what he meant.

She knew that Gordie stole a bunch of catalytic convertors from Frank's cars. Five or six years ago, Frank confronted Gordie about this at their mother's residence and Gordie paid Frank for these convertors.

Both Gordie and Frank use to drive Toyotas which they would buy at auction and then fix them up and sell them.

She is aware of the incident in Little Falls where Gordie tried to commit suicide by jumping in front of a train. She did not know about Gordie claiming to know who kidnapped Jacob Wetterling during this incident. She possibly learned about this suicide attempt from Janice Kunkel who lived on a farm near the railroad tracks where this incident occurred. Gordie lived in a trailer with his girlfriend, name unknown, near the Kunkel farm. (Koubsky later called and stated that after thinking about this incident, she thinks that it was actually Gordie's girlfriend who told her about it.) Gordie often physically abused this girl and beat her up so bad on one occasion that she called the police and had him arrested and prosecuted. They broke up after this incident. She did talk to Frank about this incident but doesn't remember what his reaction was.

She is not aware of any conversations or information about who kidnapped Jacob.

On one occasion, Kevin Hamilton called Frank and told him about hearing the kidnapping report on the radio and driving out to the kidnapping site where he saw some bicycles. He drove around and saw a person who described himself as a "medical policeman" and reported what he saw. Kevin was frustrated because nobody believed him.

She does not remember the incident in Little Falls where she was in a car with Frank and Gordie and they were questioned by the police about what they were doing.

Interview of Paul Tschida on 5/21/2014

Paul Tschida was interviewed by Al Garber and Steve Gilkerson. Paul was the Sheriff of Morrison County, MN in 1989.
He remembers an incident that occurred around the time of the kidnapping of Jacob Wetterling where his Deputies or Little Falls Police answered a call of a man on railroad tracks screaming that he knew who kidnapped Jacob. He believes but is not sure that this man was identified as Gordie Hamilton.
Paul has no recollection of a vehicle occupied by Frank Hamilton Jr, Gordie Hamilton, and Cathy Koubsky being stopped by law enforcement

Interview of Ernie Klimek on 5/23/2014

Ernie Klimek, former Chief Deputy Sheriff, Morrison County, MN provided the following information to Al Garber and Steve Gilkerson:

Records of the Morrison County, MN recorders office indicate that Frederick Eidenschinck owns the property at 12992 180th Street, Little Falls, MN. He bought it from Gordie Hamilton on 6/11/1996

Hamilton bought the property for $9300 from J.D.W. Investments in April, 1989 for $9300.

Hamilton was losing the property and sold it in 1996.

The property is in Darling Township and has parcel # 09.0420.001

Klimek also recalls some sort of an incident on the rail road tracks near the property. He cannot recall anything about this incident.

On 5/23/14, Fred Eidenschink was interviewed by Stephen Gilkerson and Allen Garber at his residence, 12992 180th Street, Little Falls, MN. He furnished the following information:

He purchased the property he lives on from Gordy Hamilton in 1996. At that time, he purchased 10 acres of land and a trailer that Gordy and his girlfriend lived in. The girlfriend's name could have been Denise Larson. The trailer was in poor condition and had no running water. He sold this trailer for $250 to Gordy's cousin, Dan Scepurek, who lives just down the road.

Before Gordy moved, he was convicted of burglary and served a year in the county jail. His girlfriend stayed in the trailer during this time. After he got out, he got into an argument with his girlfriend, who was pregnant. She was on the ground and Gordy kept kicking her repeatedly.

After Gordy left, he found a box containing numerous Toyota parts. He thought Gordy might have been operating a "chop shop." He reported this to the Sheriff's Office but they did nothing about it.

Eidenschink's property is for sale and he will be moving to the Flagstaff, Arizona, area when he sells it.

Interview of Dan Scepurek on 5/23/2014

Dan Scepurek was interviewed on the phone by Al Garber. He advised he is the cousin of Gordie Hamilton. In approximately 1995 Scepurek bought a trailer home from Gordie. The trailer was on the property that Fred Eidenschink bought from Gordie. This property is near where Dan lives. Gordie had lived in the trailer home. He bought the trailer for $250. Scepurek then gave it to George St Onge who lives in Freedom, MN. St. Onge has telephone number 320 745 2490 or 2790.

Dan recalled that Gordie Hamilton's former girlfriends are Tammy Schmidt and Denise.

He never heard Gordie talk about Jacob Wetterling.

Dan has no recollection of Gordie on railroad tracks yelling he knew who kidnapped Jacob.

Interview of Denise Larson 5/27/2014

Denise Larson was interviewed in Paynesville, Minnesota by Al Garber and Steve Gilkerson.

She was the girlfriend of Gordy Hamilton for about 10 years. They had a child named Mariah. Denise was about 25 or 26 when she became Gordy's girlfriend. She is now 46. Their daughter is now 18.

She was not his girlfriend when Jacob Wetterling was kidnapped. She said she would tell us if she had information that Gordy was involved in the kidnapping. He has assaulted her many times, sometimes very seriously.

Gordy's brother Donny is "not all there."

At the time of the kidnapping Gordy may have lived with his parents.

Deb Berkland was Gordy's girlfriend at the time of the kidnapping. Deb lives in St. Cloud, MN.

Denise has no recollection of an incident where Gordie was on some rail road tracks trying to commit suicide and saying he knew who kidnapped Jacob.

About 24 years ago she lived in a trailer with Gordie in Little Falls.

She would not be surprised if Gordy and Donnie took Jacob. She is not aware of Gordy or Donnie assaulting her daughter, Mariah. Denise still has infrequent contact with Gordy.

She has no recollection of an incident at "the Castle" near St. John's where Gordy and Dale Walker were hauling a large gunny sack and then threw it in the water.

Gordy recently told Denise that investigators think he kidnapped Jacob, but he did not do it.

Gordy's current girlfriend is Bonnie Hoagland who lives in Hawick, MN.

Present during the interview was Denise's current boyfriend, Brad Hegquist, date of birth 12/5/1986.

Interview of Jessica Marie Gomez on 5/27/2014

Gomez, date of birth 8/8/1991, was interviewed by Al Garber in Eden Valley, MN. She is the girlfriend of Dave Walker. They have a son Levi.

In 2011 she was in the Stearns Count Jail. This was shortly after her boyfriend';s brother, Dale Walker, told her and Dave that Gordy Hamilton and Donnie Hamilton kidnapped Jacob Wetterling. Jessica tried to tell officials at the jail about this information. She told them it was important that they act on this information before Gordy found out she told them. She told them she feared for her life and for Dave's. She also told them that Gordy would move Jacob's body if he found she told.

The authorities at the sheriff's office did not believe her. They told her she could not know of the kidnapping because it happened before she was born. She tried to explain further but got no response.

(Court records show that she was incarcerated in the Stearns County on 3/25/2011)

On 5/27/14, David Walker was interviewed by Steve Gilkerson and Allen Garber. David's girlfriend Jessica Gomez was present during this interview. Walker furnished the following information:

He knows about his brother Dale telling Jerry Wetterling that Gordy and Donnie Hamilton kidnapped Jacob Wetterling. Dale also told him that Gordy and Donnie committed the kidnapping. Dale also told David about an incident where Gordy had Dale throw a gummy sack containing something unknown into the lake at St. Johns. Dale said Gordy got "pissed" because he didn't put rocks in the sack.

In 2011, he (David) was arrested in Sterns County for possession of stolen property (copper and aluminum rims). These items had been given to him by Gordy. While in the jail, he was interviewed by a female investigator from Sterns County. He told this investigator that these items belonged to Gordy. He also told this investigator that Gordy kidnapped Jacob Wetterling. This investigator did not respond to either of these statements. David went to jail for this stolen property and is still on probation.

When asked if he knew if Gordy was involved in Jacob's kidnapping, he replied he didn't know but that Gordy was very capable of doing it. He said Gordy is "crazy" multiple times and that Gordy is a meth user. He is afraid of Gordy and that most everybody in the family is afraid of him and will not talk about him.

A few years ago, there were a series of about 20 to 30 burglaries in the area in which the door to the residences were kicked in. He is sure that Gordy was responsible for these. Gordy taught both him and his brother Dale how to steal and is the reason both of them have been in trouble (jail) in the past.

Gordy and Donnie Hamilton were real close at one time but he does not think they are any more. Gordy has beat Donnie up in the past, the last time being about two (2) years ago. Donnie is mentally slow and easily led by Gordy. Gordy could get Donnie to do most anything Gordy wanted him to do.

David was present on one occasion when Gordy threatened to kill his father, Frank Hamilton Sr. He did not know the reason for this.

On 5/27/14, Mariah Larson Young furnished the following information to Steve Gilkerson and Allen Garber:

She is the daughter of Denise Larson and Gordy Hamilton. She last saw Gordy about a month ago at her mother's residence. She is not on good terms with Gordy because "he is not a good person." He beat up her mother on multiple occasions. Gordy and his girlfriend Bonnie Hoagland both went to jail for dealing meth and both are meth users. She does not have any direct knowledge of Gordy being involved in the kidnapping of Jacob Wetterling but has been told by David Walker that Gordy was involved. He told her this last year when they were both at the drive-in theater in Eden Valley. David also told her last year that he overheard Dale Walker, his brother, tell her mother Denise that Gordy was involved in the kidnapping. Dale's girlfriend Angelica (now deceased) was with Dale at that time.

On 6/9/14, Theresa Ringwelski was interviewed by Steve Gilkerson and Allen Garber. She furnished the following information concerning an incident on 11/3/89 in which attempted to commit suicide in Little Falls, MN:

She was a Little Falls Police Officer and on 11/3/89 was on patrol when she observed laying on the railroad track and screaming incoherently. She remembers him screaming words to the effect "shoot me" (repeated multiple times), "I don't want to live, leave me here." Another officer, possibly Ronnie Neuhring, responded to the scene and helped her handcuff and shackle and get him into her car. During this time, he continued to yell incoherently and saying "just shoot me." He kept banging his head and kicking the windows on the way to the station. He was placed on a 72-hour mental health hold and transported to the mental hospital in Brainerd. She did not remember him saying anything about Jacob Wetterling.

A friend of hers, Theresa Klemz, was riding with her that night. Ringwelski telephonically contacted Klemz during this interview. Klemz said she remembered screaming incoherently and out of control but did not remember what he was screaming.

On 6/11/14, Ronnie Neuhring advised that he does not remember anything about this incident on 11/3/89.

On 6/9/14, Tammy Fields advised Steve Gilkerson and Allen Garber that she met Gordy Hamilton in 1993 but did not know him well and was never his girlfriend. He had a girlfriend named Theresa. Fields could furnish no information about Gordy's activities.

Interview of Retired Stearns County MN Detective Ralph Boeckers

Ralph was interviewed on the phone on 6/10/2014 about an interview that he and now retired FBI Agent Dave Price conducted at the on 11/7/1989. He was advised that this interview was an interview of Donnie Hamilton and was part of the Jacob Wetterling kidnapping investigation.

Ralph advised that he and Dave Price worked together during this period. However he has no recollection of this interview.

He would like to review the report he and Dave made of this interview to see if his recollection could be refreshed.

Interview of Carol Lahman (Walker) on 6/23/2014

Carol Lahman was interviewed by Al Garber and Steve Gilkerson at her residence in International Falls, MN. Present during the interview was her husband, Ronald Lahman.

She said she was interviewed by FBI Agents a little while after the kidnapping of Jacob Wetterling. Agents told her they wanted to talk to her about her son Carl and Donnie Hamilton and their activities on the night of the kidnapping.

Carol said she knows that Gordie and Donnie Hamilton robbed a hitch hiker at knifepoint. She said Donnie took responsibility for the robbery and went to jail for it. She made this statement to show the type of people Gordie and Donnie were.

Carol was friendly with Donnie when they all lived in Randall, MN.

Carol is not aware of an incident where

She believes the FBI spoke to her after a green station wagon was found abandoned in Little Falls, MN. Agents found that the station wagon was owned by Al Klinkner. Then Klinkner told Agents that he sold the car to Donnie Hamilton and that Carl Walker was with Donnie. So the Agents came to her home to ask about the car, Donnie, and Carl.

She believes that the Agents thought that the station wagon was somehow connected to the kidnapping of Jacob.

She volunteered that about 2 years ago her grandson, Dale Walker told her that Gordie Hamilton had gotten drunk and confessed to kidnapping Jacob. Gordie said they wanted to get ransom money to buy the family farm. Gordie said they got scared and killed Jacob.

Interview of Donnie Hamilton 7/1/2014

Donnie Hamilton was interviewed by Steve Gilkerson and Al Garber. The interview took place near 25th Avenue North and 3rd Street in St Cloud, MN.

Gilkerson told Hamilton that Gilkerson and Garber are retired FBI Agents. He was told that they are looking into an aspect of the kidnapping of Jacob Wetterling. He was also told that they were doing this at the request of the Wetterling family. Hamilton said he understood.

Gilkerson told Hamilton that family members of his said he kidnapped Jacob and that Hamilton's brother Gordie arranged and planned the kidnapping.

Donnie recalled the night of the kidnapping. He was driving a big green Pontiac that his father had given him. Donnie sold the car for $100 to a guy in Gilman, MN. Then he borrowed the car back and he and Cartl Walker drove to Little Falls, MN. Carl dropped off Donnie at the trailer house that Donnie and Gordie were living in. The trailer house is between Randall and Little Falls, MN. He does not remember what he did after being dropped off by Carl.

He did because he got drunk and could not pick up a girl. He does not remember what he told the police who took him into custody. The police took him to the hospital in Brainerd, MN. While at the hospital he was questioned by the FBI about the kidnapping. The FBI Agents told him to write his name 10 times so they could compare his handwriting with the ransom note. When Gilkerson and Garber told him there was no ransom note, he did not respond.

Donnie believes that Carl Walker is trying to blame him for the kidnapping because Carl does not like Donnie. He said that Carl told Carl's twin sons to spread the information blaming Donnie.

Donnie denied that he kidnapped Jacob or had anything to do with the kidnapping. He also denied that his brother, Gordie had anything to do with the kidnapping. He also denied knowing anything about who kidnapped Jacob.

Donnie recalls driving a small green Toyota station wagon from Minnesota to his sister's home in California. When Gilkerson asked him why he tore the insides out

of the car, Hamilton replied that he changed seats in the car because he did not like the color. He said he later junked the car at Cotton Pickers in Minnesota.

He said that if he gets thrown in jail for the kidnapping, he would sue someone.

He agreed to take a polygraph exam. When he was told he could take the exam today, he said he was too busy. He had to get a haircut, go the gym, and buy food. He said he could do it tomorrow. When asked what time tomorrow he could the exam he again said he was busy. Then he changed his mind and said he would take it tomorrow. A time of 10AM, Wednesday, July 2, 2014 was agreed upon.

He said he lives at 203 30 Ave N in St Cloud. He lives with Chris. Chris's telephone number is 230 6456. Hamilton said he would be ready at 10AM tomorrow. He was told that Garber and Gilkerson would pick him up then.

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July 2, 2014

Al Garber
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Dear Mr. Garber:

Re: Donald John Hamilton

At your request Mr. Hamilton was administered a polygraph examination this date to determine whether or not he was involved in the kidnapping of Jacob Wetterling in October, 1989.

Following approved and recommended procedures Hamilton was administered thee polygrams consisting of relevant, irrelevant and acceptable comparison type questions. Each question was carefully reviewed with him prior to the examination. This examination was conducted utilizing the Lafayette LX4000 computerized polygraph system.

Evaluation of the three polygrams resulting from this examination reveals significant criteria that would indicate deception. It is my opinion, therefore, that Hamilton was deceptive when responding "No" to the following relevant questions:

1. In October, 1989 did you in any way plan with anyone to kidnap Jacob Wetterling?
2. Were you physically involved in the taking of Jacob in October, 1989?
3. On October 22, 1989 did you have any type of physical contact with Jacob Wetterling?

Thank you for providing the case information necessary for the preparation of this examination. If you have any questions, or if I can be of any further assistance to you, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Little Falls, MN Police report and interview report of Donald John Hamilton

Al Garber and Steve Gilkerson met with Stearns County Sheriff John Sanner and Sheriff's Captain Pam Jensen.

Sherif Sanner showed us a copy of Little Falls PD ICR 89-004643. Al Garber made the following notes from that ICR:

Date-11/3/89

Time: 2350

Subject Donald John Hamilton date of birth 1/3/62

Residences- Little Falls and Rt 2, St. Joseph, MN

Reporting Officer- Seelan, Little Falls Police

Location- West side of Mississippi Bridge

Reason- Suicidal male screaming he wanted to be killed, he could not spend the rest of life in jail

Disposition- Officer Lindquist placed a 72 hour hold on Hamilton. Sheriff's Deputy Eastvold, #107 transported Hamilton to the

Sheriff Sanner also showed us a copy of a supplemental report dated 11/7/1989 written by Detective Ralph Boeckers. Al Garber made notes from the report:

Donnie Hamilton was interviewed by Boeckers and FBI Agent Dave Price at the on 11/7/2014. Hamilton said he was at the Draw Bridge Bar and he was intoxicated.

He said that on 10/22/1989 he left a friend's house at 1925 Northway Drive and went to Gilman, MN. He was driving a 1977 Ford Station Wagon. The vehicle ran out of gas so he walked to Gilman. Debby Walker gave him gas. He then drove to a farm and sold the vehicle. This was at 1600 hours. He then burrowed the Station Wagon and drove with Carl Walker to the West Side Bar. They both got drunk.

They then drove to Gordy Hamilton's house. Both Gordy and Donnie lived there. The house was in Darling Township. When Donnie arrived there, Gordy was there.

In this report Carol A. Walker date of birth 12/21/1944 was also interviewed at her residence 9920 NE 115th St, Gilman, MN, telephone number 387-2441. She lives there with her children, Carl (23), Debbie (15), and Donald (17).

On 10/22/1989 she was Al Klinkner's farm in Gilman. At 1500 Donnie Hamilton showed up. He sold a green station wagon to Al for $50. Donnie then borrowed the vehicle to drive to St. Cloud.

Carol has a diary of these events.

Cadaver Dog Search of 12992 180th St, Little Falls, MN

On 7/5/2014 Chuck Lubowitz and members of the Central Lakes Search and Rescue conducted a search with their dogs of the property and out buildings at 12992 180th St.

The search was done with the consent of the property owner Fred Eidenschink. Fred was present during the search. He pointed out the property boundaries. He also pointed the location where the former owner, Gordie Hamilton, placed the trailer that Hamilton lived in.

The dogs and handlers were unable to locate human remains.

Also present during the search was Morrison County Chief Deputy Sheriff Tom Ploof. Lubowitz said he would furnish a report of the search to Chief Deputy Ploof.

Gordie Hamilton

July 6, 2014

My name is Al Garber. I am a retired FBI Agent. I am working with retired FBI Agent Steve Gilkerson. We are no longer Police. We are both friends of the family of Jacob Wetterling. The family has asked us to investigate an aspect of the kidnapping of their son.

We have received information from your family members who accuse you and Donnie of committing the kidnapping. In fact one of your brothers has been cooperative with us.

Their cooperation has gone so far that they have taken lie detector tests.

Other persons who are not your family members have also provided us information naming you as the kidnapper.

There is a way for you to clear yourself and prove you are not involved in the kidnapping. If you are interested in doing this contact me and we can talk. You can contact me at 763 370 4961.

Al Garber

Interview of Linda Brau 7/17/2014

At 1345 hours Ted Boran and Al Garber met Linda Brau at her home at 505 11th St NE, Little Falls. Present were Boran, Garber, Brau, and her mother.

Brau stated she didn't remember Gordy Hamilton. Garber showed her a picture of Gordy and she then stated she met him once while she was married to Dan Scepurek. She stated that Dan took her to Gordy'd house. Gordy was living off Highway 10 by Royalton. She couldn't remember if it was a trailer or a small house. She stated it wasn't very nice and there were several junked cars around the house. She does not know any of Gordy's girlfriends at the time and believed he lived alone. She has not seen him since.

Linda was cooperative. The interview ended at 1400 hours.

Interview of George St. Onge on 7/17/2014

George St. Onge was interviewed at 23800 185th Ave, Ft. Ripley, MN by Ted Boran and Al Garber. There were 2 young boys present. George identified them as his sons.

Garber asked St. Onge if he knew Gordy Hamilton. He stated he was not sure. He said he knew Frank Hamilton who he met in around 1990. Frank had a tattoo parlor and George had gotten some tattoos from him. He does not remember meeting Frank's brothers. He knew that Frank has a tattoo parlor in Clarisa, MN.

When asked if he knew Dan Scepurek, he said he did. When asked if he had gotten a trailer from Dan, he told us he had. When Garber asked what he had done with the trailer, he pointed to a field and said it's parked over there. When asked about the circumstances of how he obtained the trailer, he stated that Dan had bought a new 14' X 70' trailer and wanted to get the old one off the lot. When he got to Dan's to pick up the trailer, it was next to the new one and ready to be pulled out. St. Onge has no knowledge as to where Dan had the trailer parked prior to this time.

St. Onge towed the trailer and parked it in the field where we saw it and hasen't moved it since he parked it. He walked us to the trailer and gave us permission to look inside. Upon arriving at the trailer we noticed that a portion had been cut off and a piece of corrugated steel was fastened to the back to enclose it. It was that way when he picked it up and he believes there was approximately 10' cut off.

Upon entering the trailer we found the front half to be filled with old engines and engine parts. In the back half the ceiling was falling down and the only things back there were some old doors leaning against the left wall as you looked towards the rear. Lying on the doors was an old sleeping bag.

St. Onge says he not taken anything out of the trailer since he got it and the only things he has put in the trailer were the engine parts. He believes the sleeping bag was in the trailer when he got it. When asked if we could take the sleeping bag he said yes and furnished us with a black plastic garbage bag.

After we placed the sleeping bag into the garbage bag, St. Onge was shown several photos of the Hamiltons. He recognized Frank but does not remember

seeing any of the others. St. Onge also stated he does not remember Frank talking about any of his brothers or sisters.

Dan was living with his girlfriend and a kid at the time at the time St. Onge got the trailer. He could not remember the girlfriend's name. This all occurred about 15 years ago. He also believes he got the trailer for nothing.

We contacted Morrison County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Tom Ploof and informed him that we had taken a sleeping bag from the trailer and Ploof arranged for us to drop it off at the Sheriff's Office. After arriving there we met with Deputy Dave Scherping who took the sleeping bag and stated he would put in Ploof's office.

Interview of David Walker and Jessica Gomes 8/11/2014

Jessica Gomes was contacted at the Holiday Inn, St. Cloud, MN by Al Garber. The front desk at the hotel rang the room registered to Gomes. Al Garber asked to speak to David. Gomes said how did you find me. Garber replied that his job was finding people.

David came on the line and said how "the fuck" did you find me. He said he would hire a lawyer and sue Garber for harassment.

Garber replied that there must be a reason that David would not talk to me.

David replied "fuck you" and hung up.

Interview of Colleen Ruprect on 10/16/2014

Colleen Ruprect was interviewed by Al Garber. She advised that sometime shortly after the Jacob's Hope collection cans were distributed she was working a 3PM to 11PM shift at the Pines Edge Grocery store in Rice, MN.

In the early evening and when it was dark a man came into the store. He looked at the collections container for Jacob's Hope and asked Colleen if she thought they would ever find Jacob. She said yes I hope so. The man laughed and said they'll never find him.

He left the store. She does not think he bought anything. She cannot recall if he spoke to anyone else in the store.

She described him as an older white man who was stocky, and was wearing a dark jacket and a hat. She cannot recall anything unusual about his voice. She believes his accent was local.

After the man left either she or her manager, Roger Burton called the police. Later that evening 2 uniformed police officers came to the store and asked her some questions. Her manager gave the police the video tape from the store when the man was there. She has not spoken to law enforcement since that night.

She viewed 5 different photos of Frank Hamilton Sr. She selected one of the photos and said that photo "strikes me" as the person she remembers. She initialed and dated the back of the photo as did Garber .

Colleen said at the time she was working in the store her name was Colleen Allord. She also said that if she could view the tape she would be able to identify others who were in the store at the same the man was there.

Kevin was interviewed by TV Channel 9 news reporter Trish Van Pilsen about his actions on the night of the kidnapping.

Tracy does not know any cars Donnie might have had. She never heard of Frank, Sr. sexually molesting any of the children or grandchildren.

Tracy's family owns a cabin on Big Watab Lake near Collegeville, MN. Kevin and Tracy used it over the years of their marriage. Brothers Frank and Gordie would visit them. Donnie was never there.